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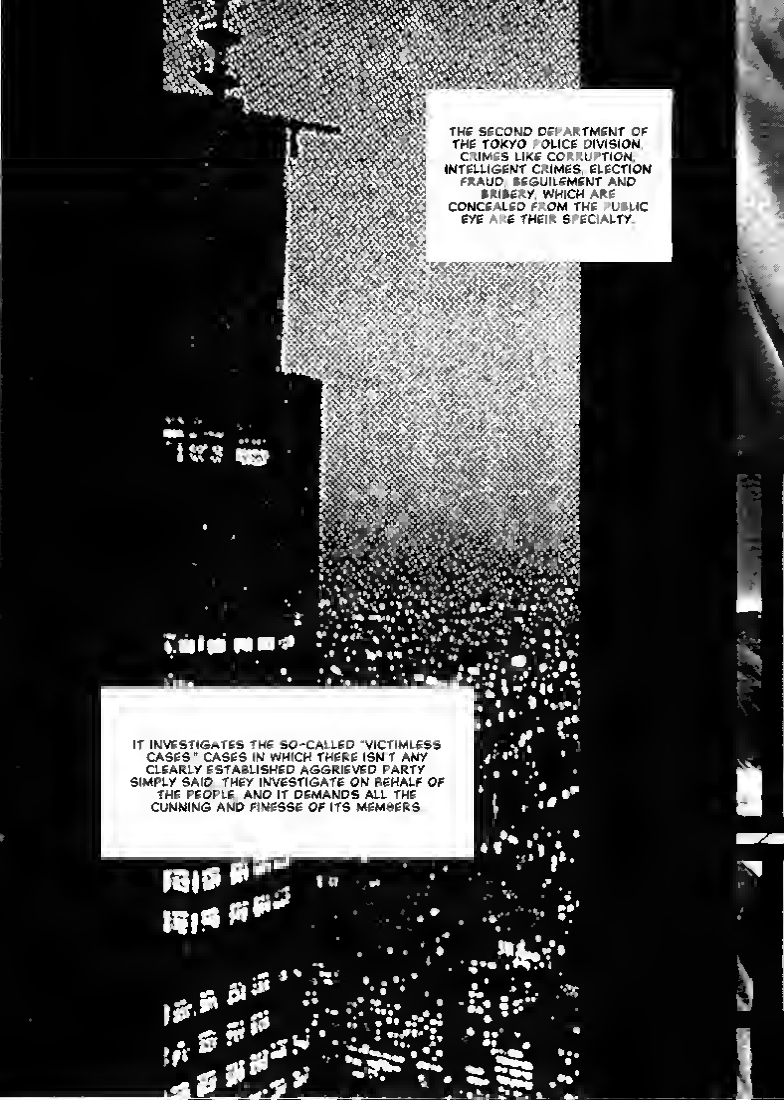
THE SECOND DEPARTMENT OF THE TOKYO POLICE DIVISION. CRIMES LIKE CORRUPTION, INTELLIGENT CRIMES, ELECTION FRAUD, BEGUILEMENT AND BRIBERY, WHICH ARE CONCEALED FROM THE PUBLIC EYE ARE THEIR SPECIALTY.
IT INVESTIGATES THE SO-CALLED "VICTIMLESS CASES". CASES IN WHICH THERE ISN'T ANY CLEARLY ESTABLISHED AGGRIEVED PARTY. SIMPLY SAID, THEY INVESTIGATE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE. AND IT DEMANDS ALL THE CUNNING AND FINESSE OF ITS MEMBERS.

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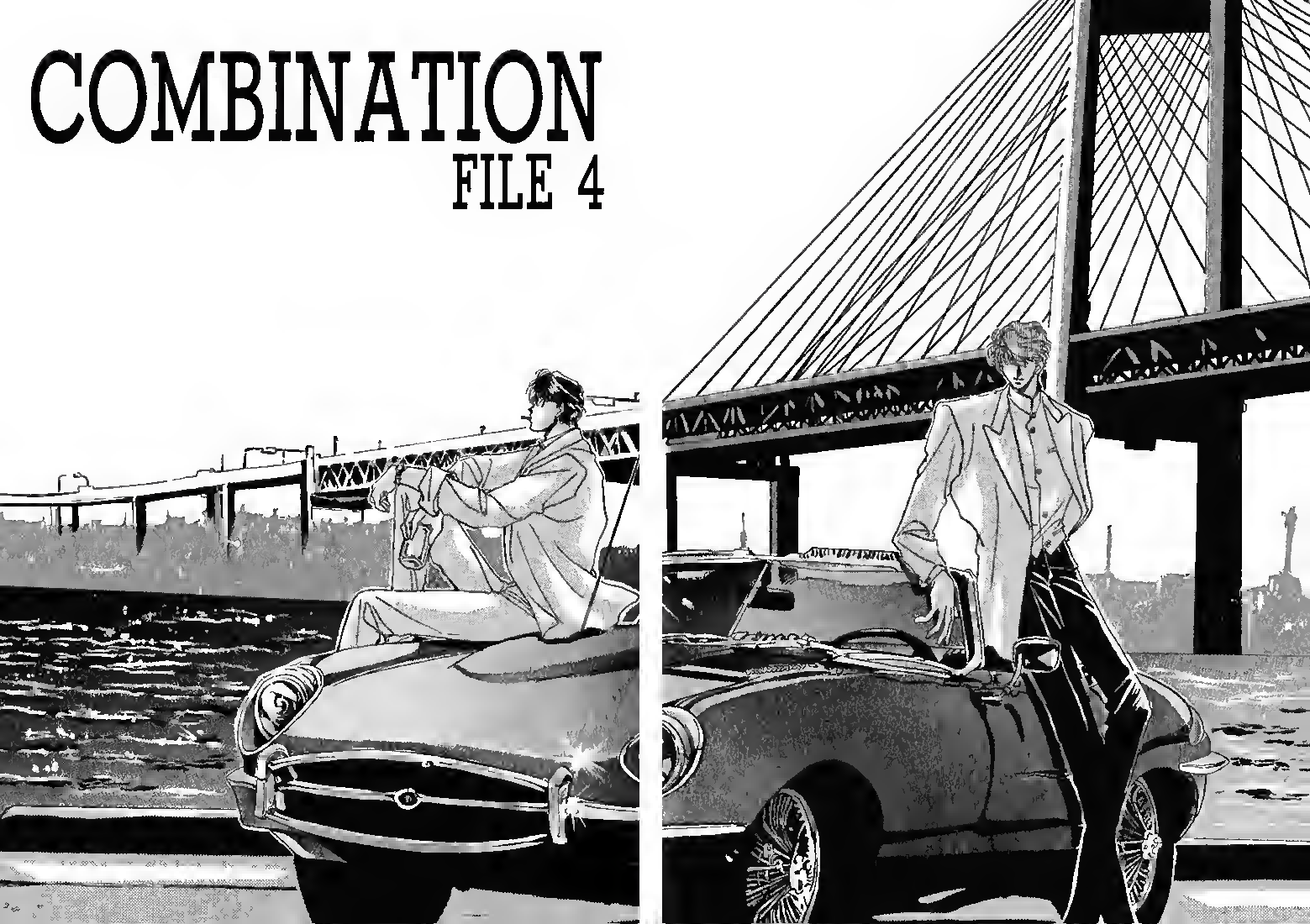
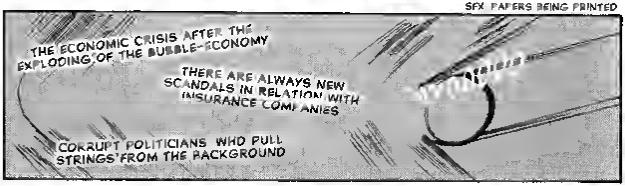
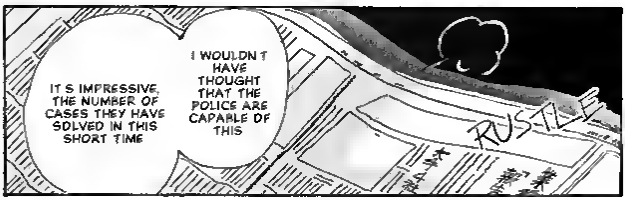


WELL THEN, LET'S START WITH WORK.

SFX: PAPERS BEING PRINTED


THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AFTER THE EXPLODING OF THE BUBBLE-ECONOMY
THERE ARE ALWAYS NEW SCANDALS IN RELATION WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES
CORRUPT POLITICIANS WHO PULL STRINGS FROM THE BACKGROUND

LITTLE BY LITTLE THE SCANDAL IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS IS REVEALED!!!
THEIR HEROIC DEEDS AFTER THE KDD AFFAIR AND THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL!!!
CORRUPTION SCANDAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHUDO-YAKUZA CLAN!
THE 2ND DEPARTMENT CLEANS UP WITH DISHONEST MACHINATIONS!!


IT'S IMPRESSIVE, THE NUMBER OF CASES THEY HAVE SOLVED IN THIS SHORT TIME
I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT THAT THE POLICE ARE CAPABLE OF THIS
RUSTLE

AND WHOM DO WE HAVE TO THANK FOR THIS MYSTERIOUS SOLVING-RATE?
THE TWO POLICE HEROES SHIGEMITSU HASHIBA AND KEIJI SASAKI
HASHIBA'S EXCEPTIONAL INFORMATION NETWORK AND HIS EXCELLENT NOSE
AND SASAKI'S FAST AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATORY WORK AND PERPETUATION OF EVIDENCE ON THE OTHER HAND...
THIS COMBINATION PRODUCES A NEVER-SEEN SOLVING RATE
REALLY IMPRESSIVE
IT WAS CARELESS OF US TO THINK THAT WE WERE UNTOUCHABLE JUST BECAUSE WE BRIBE THE PROSECUTING AUTHORITIES ON A REGULAR BASIS
HASHIBA USES THE PRESS...
TO BRING THE CASES TO THE LIMELIGHT BEFORE THE PROSECUTION HAS A CHANCE TO INTERVENE
IF THIS CONTINUES, THEN YOUR POSITION WILL BE IN DANGER TOO
TAKE CARE OF THIS PROBLEM, WILL YOU?
HE HAS TO DISAPPEAR FROM THE SCENE
UNTIL THINGS HAVE CALMED DOWN
WANTA-NABE?
Y-YES?
SFX GASP

T-THANK YOU FOR THIS SECOND CHANCE
I WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY FURTHER FAILING
TO ESTABLISH SOME ORDER
THE MOST FUSS IS AROUND YOU. SO TAKE THIS CHANCE
AT THE MOMENT
WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO MAKE HASHIBA DISAPPEAR FROM THE PICTURE?
WELL...
TSUTSUMI
BUT I PREFER YOUNGER MEN
MIYA TAKAGI PERHAPS YOU HAVE TAKEN A LIKING TO HASHIBA?
YOU SEEM VERY AMUSED BY THIS
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ME WHEN YOU MEET HIM
HM!
Those young ones... they probably are all of this very amusing
AND RESERVED MEN ARE BETTER THAN MORE TALKATIVE ONES
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU PREFERRED YOUNGER MEN

SFX BILLIARD CUE HITTING THE BALLS
CRACK!
IF ONLY HASHIBA OIDN'T EXIST...
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING OR I'LL BE CUT OFF!
OR EVEN WORSE... I KNOW TOO MUCH. HE'LL PROBABLY JUST KILL ME...
SFX BILLIARD BALLS HITTING EACH OTHER
TOCK
AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE BUBBLE-ECONOMY THE FINANCIAL WORLD HAS SUNKEN INTO CHAOS
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
NOW WHEN POLITICS AND THE ECONOMY HAVE HIT ROCK BOTTOM THERE IS THE ONE-TIME CHANCE
MORE AND MORE SCANDALS ARE REVEALED AND ARE EXAGGERATED BY THE PRESS
TO GRAB SAWADA BY THE TAIL AND DRAG HIM INTO THE PUBLISHED LIMELIGHT
SO THAT EVEN THE CUMBERSOME PROSECUTION AUTHORITIES OF TOKYO ARE FORCED TO INTERVENE

CRACK!
NOW THINGS ARE STARTING TO GET EXCITING!
TOCK
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
REALLY EXCELLENT
AN EXCELLENT SHOT

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
MY, MY WHY SO EVASIVE?
I HAVE FINALLY FOUND YOU
I DON'T DO MEN
YOU HAVE A NICE BILLIARD CUE THERE...
TUCK TUCK
IT'S A BALA-BUSHKA, ISN'T IT? YOUR OWN?
YOU'RE ALREADY FINISHED?
CLACK
I'M SORRY TO HAVE RUINED YOUR EVENING
IF A NICE LADY HAD SPOKEN TO ME I WOULD HAVE STAYED BUT THE SIGHT OF YOUR FACE TOOK ANY JOY FOR PLAYING AWAY

PLEASE BE SO KIND AND CALL YOUR GORILLAS BACK...
I HAVE A REQUEST TO MAKE
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, A CROCODILE WILL DO PUSH-UPS
PLEASE RETREAT FOR A WHILE IN YOUR COMFORTABLE BIRO AND HAVE A LOOK AT SOME PARKING FINE TICKETS

I'LL HAVE TO INSIST ON YOUR COOPERATION
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS A TURTLE WILL DO SIT-UPS
PLEASE UNDERSTAND...
IF YOU'LL BE A BIT LESS DEDICATED WITH YOUR INVESTIGATIONS IN THE FUTURE WE'LL ALL HAVE IT EASIER
ON THE OTHER HAND NOBODY WILL BE DISTURBED IF I KICK UP A ROW IN HERE
I DON'T LIKE BEING FORCED TO DO SOMETHING
I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THERE WEREN'T ANY OTHER GUESTS HERE ANYMORE...
HOW CARELESS OF ME
BUT THAT WON'T WORK!
GRAB!
WE REALLY WANTED TO AVOID ANY DIFFICULTIES
TAP
I WANTED THAT, TOO!

GRAB
centrifugal force fives!
HYAH!
THUMP!
STAB
!
SMACK
!
PAIN
DON'T WORRY WE DON'T PLAN ON KILLING YOU TODAY
WHAT
fall

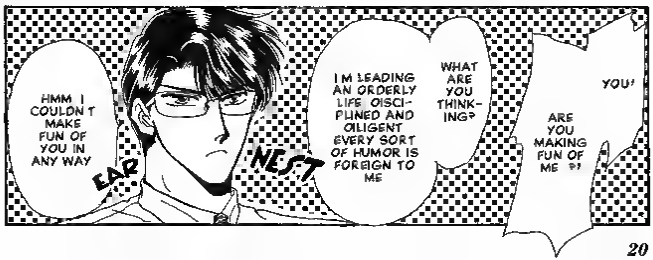
WE ONLY WISH TO DISPOSE OF YOU, SO THAT WE CAN DO OUR BUSINESS WITHOUT ANY INTERRUPTIONS
I WISH YOU A GOOD REST
IS PROBABLY YOUR HUMOROUS HOUR OF SUCCESS
AND THEN TO STATE THAT...
TO DRUG ME WITH SOME-THING
...YOU RE A COME-DIAN AREN T YOU?

I WAS IN A ROOM I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE
OHH
everything hurts
AND SO THE SITUATION PRESENTED ITSELF WHEN I CAME BACK TO MYSELF
NIIIII
NOOOO
AS IF THEY WERE WAITING UNTIL I OPENED MY EYES
AND ON THE BED BESIDE ME...
LAY THE CORRESPONDING CORPSE
IN MY HAND SOMEBODY HAD PUT A BLOODY MURDER WEAPON

SFX POLICE SIRENS

TAKATSUKA POLICE STATION
YOU STAND BY YOUR TESTIMONY OF NOT HAVING KILLED HIM?
IT'S GOOD THAT I WASN'T CARRYING MY SERVICE WEAPON
THE POLICE DASHED INTO THE ROOM...
INTERROGATION ROOM
YES
IF THEY HAD USED MY GUN I WOULD NOW HAVE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS WAITING FOR ME OR I COULD EVEN BE SUSPENDED FROM THE SERVICE
THAT IT WOULDN'T EVEN SUFFICE FOR A SCREENPLAY OF A THIRD-RATE CRIME SERIES
THIS THING IS SO TRANSPARENT AND THREADBARE...
音岡
* TAKA...

A GOOD QUESTION! THAT WOULD INTEREST ME TOO
DAM!
THE MURDER WEAPON HAD NO OTHER FINGERPRINTS OTHER THAN YOURS!
WHY IS IT THEN THAT WE HAVE FOUND INDISPUTABLE EVIDENCE?


HMM I COULDN'T MAKE FUN OF YOU IN ANY WAY
EAP
NEST
I'M LEADING AN ORDERLY LIFE DISCIPLINED AND DILIGENT EVERY SORT OF HUMOR IS FOREIGN TO ME
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
YOU!
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?!

DON'T GET ALL WORKED UP OR YOU'LL EXPLODE AND THERE'LL BE A NASTY MESS IN HERE!
BRAIN FOR ALL!!!
BAM!
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN IF YOU'RE THE HERO OF THE MAIN AGENCY OR NOT AT THE MOMENT YOU'RE THE MAIN SUSPECT IN THIS MURDER CASE IS THAT CLEAR?!
GRR
PLEASE COME IN
SUPERINTENDENT SASAKI FROM THE FIRST DEPARTMENT IS HERE
WHAT IS IT? I'M INTERROGATING HIM AT THE MOMENT
MAY I INTERRUPT?
CLACK
YOU VILE
OH BROTHER SASAKI!
HASHIBA!
EXCUSE MY SUDDEN APPEARANCE

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
THUD
BUT !
GOOD! WE'LL GIVE YOU 30 MINUTES
BRO-THER?
DO WE LOOK LIKE TWO STORY-TELLERS?
CHUCK
CHUCK
COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE US A MINUTE ALONE?
WE REALIZE THAT YOU WERE TRICKED
I DIDN'T KILL HIM
I'M SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE I'M CAUSING YOU
SOME HIGH POLITICIAN WOULD HAVE ORDERED THIS. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT IT HAPPENED TO YOU.
IF NOT, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE

ANYWAY I'VE BORROWED KEIJI FROM YOUR CHIEF
KEIJI HAS MORE INSIGHT ABOUT THIS CASE THAN I DO
I'LL FIND THE ACTUAL MURDERER DON'T WORRY
ACTUALLY WE FROM THE FIRST DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO TAKE OVER THIS CASE BUT THE POLICE DIRECTOR HERE WON'T HAND IT OVER TO US SO WE CAN'T INTERVENE MUCH
SFX UM
YOU DON'T TRUST ME VERY MUCH, DO YOU?
IF YOU GET INTO SOMETHING LIKE THIS AGAIN THINGS MIGHT GET UGLY FOR YOU
BUT DON'T CAUSE ANY TROUBLE
TELL ME WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED
DISCUSS EVERYTHING ELSE I'LL BE WAITING OUTSIDE
HAHA HAHA HAA!
*TRUE WORDS
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT
OR ELSE I WOULDN'T BE SITTING HERE

THE DEAD PERSON WAS A WITNESS IN THE SCANDAL CASE WE'RE INVESTIGATING NOW
SO IT'S CLEAR TO EVERYONE THAT YOU'VE HARDLY A MOTIVE TO KILL HIM
YES YES I'LL BE BRINGING THE CHIEF TO AN EARLY GRAVE
A present for you
THE CHIEF WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU
THIS IS PROBABLY JUST A WARNING TO KEEP MY FEET STILL FROM NOW ON
YES
I DIDN'T HAVE AN ALIBI FOR WHAT I WAS DOING BEFORE THE KILLING
AND BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A MOTIVE EITHER THEY CAN'T JUDGE ME JUST BECAUSE OF THE EVIDENCE IT'S NOT ENOUGH
IF THEY WANTED TO PUBLICLY COMPROMISE ME IT WASN'T PLANNED VERY WELL
TSUTSUMI THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SAWADA HAS INITIATED THIS PERSONALLY
AND HAS KINDLY WISHED ME A REFRESHING DOWNTIME
AT LEAST THEY DON'T WANT TO TOTALLY DISPOSE OF ME NOT FOR THE TIME BEING

THE WHOLE THING WILL GO TO COURT AND I'LL BE OUT OF BUSINESS FOR A WHILE
AND IF IT COMES TO AN ALLEGATION DURING THE 10 DAYS OF REMAND
SO I WON'T EASILY BE FREE FOR NOW
BUT THE EVIDENCE AT THE SITE COMPLICATES THE SITUATION
IT COULD EVEN MEAN THAT I WOULD HAVE TO RESIGN
IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE HE COULD THREATEN A POLICEMAN DURING A BREAK-OUT AND GET SHOT OUT OF SELF-DEFENSE
BUT...
TO ELIMINATE HIM DURING THE REMAND?
ONLY THEORETICALLY. BUT WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE
*DIRECTOR
捜査課 課長
OH, IT'S YOU.
AS REQUESTED HASHIBA IS IN REMAND HERE
AND THE MAIN AGENCY CAN'T GET HIM

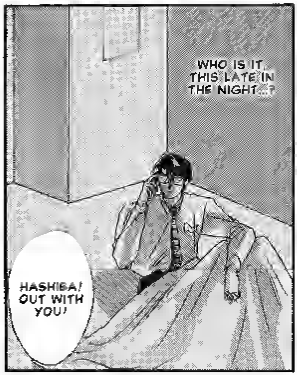
YOU SHOULDN'T ASK SO MANY QUESTIONS
IF YOU WANT TO GET A NICE POLICE PENSION
WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER TO JUST JUMP HIM WITH AN ALLEGATION?
ISN'T THAT A BIT TOO MUCH TROUBLE?
I'LL ELIMINATE HIM IN A FEW DAYS
WELL THEN
SA-SAKI
I'M RELYING ON YOU IN THIS CASE
IS WELL
IT'S NICE TO HEAR THAT HASHIBA
POLICE DEPARTMENT
IF THERE AREN'T ANY CLUES OF WHAT HASHIBA WAS DOING BEFORE THE CRIME
YES

HERE YOUR TEA
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
THERE IS THIS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL-TIMED APPEARANCE OF THE TAKATSUKA POLICEMEN
THE ANONYMOUS CALL THAT DIDN'T GO TO THE CENTRAL POLICE BUT INSTEAD DIRECTLY TO THE TAKATSUKA DISTRICT
THUMP
AND THEN
I'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE WITNESS WAS DOING INSTEAD
AND THEN THIS VEHEMENT REFUSAL TO GIVE HASHIBA OVER TO THE MAIN AGENCY
WASN'T IT
A PRETTY WOMAN CALLED TAKAGI
THERE IS SOMEONE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM DOWNSTAIRS
OH?
SASAKI
THAT THE HIDEOUT FOR THE SHUDO CLAN IS
IN THE DISTRICT OF THE TAKATSUKA POLICE STATION?
IT CAN'T BE OF ANY HARM FOR ME TO INVESTIGATE THIS A LITTLE
YES?

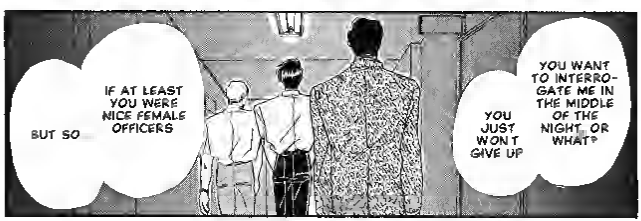
KENJI SASAKI, WASN'T IT...?
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO WAIT
CONFERENCE
THEN I'M ALL EARS
I HAVE TO DISCUSS SOMETHING WITH YOU
VERY PLEASED
MAY I INTRODUCE MYSELF?
MY NAME IS MIYA TAKAGI
STOP ASSOCIATING WITH SHIGEMITSU HASHIBA...
OR YOU'LL GO DOWN WITH HIM

WERE YOU SENT BY THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SAWADA?
YES
BUT THAT HASN'T GOT ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM
JUST VIEW THIS AS A WELL-MEANT PERSONAL PIECE OF ADVICE FROM ME
I JUST SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU
IF THIS IS EVERYTHING
I'VE HEARD YOU HAVE A VERY DEAR FRIEND
HE IS A NUMBER TOO BIG FOR YOU ORDINARY POLICEMEN
BUT IF YOU PROMISE TO LET HIM BE IT COULD BE HELPFUL FOR YOUR CAREER
I DON'T CARRY MY BADGE TO ENGAGE IN CORRUPT ACTIVITIES
DON'T YOU CARE IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO HIM?
IF YOU DON'T STOP YOUR INVESTIGATION
HE COULD BE PULLED INTO THIS TOO

DON'T YOU EVER BELIEVE...
THAT HE WOULD BE HELPLESS AND AT YOUR MERCY
YOU'RE BECOMING MORE AND MORE LIKEABLE
I'LL TELL YOU ANOTHER THING
BETWEEN THE TAKATSUKA DISTRICT AND THE SHUDO CLAN THERE ARE CONNECTIONS
SO WE'LL HOPE THAT NOTHING HAPPENS TO HASHIBA
WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?
AS I'VE ALREADY SAID I JUST FIND YOU LIKEABLE

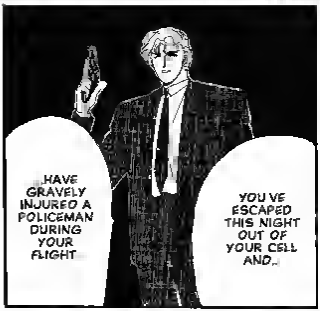

WHO IS IT THIS LATE IN THE NIGHT...?
HASHIBA! OUT WITH YOU!

CLICK
CLACK

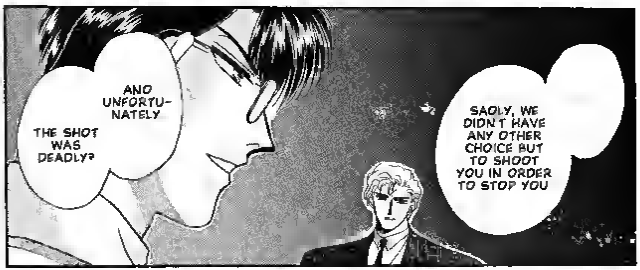

BUT SO...
IF AT LEAST YOU WERE NICE FEMALE OFFICERS
YOU JUST WON'T GIVE UP
YOU WANT TO INTERROGATE ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, OR WHAT?

OH WELL

SHUT YOUR TRAP AND COME WITH US
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THE INTERROGATION ROOM IS THIS WAY!


YOU'VE ESCAPED THIS NIGHT OUT OF YOUR CELL AND...
...HAVE GRAVELY INJURED A POLICEMAN DURING YOUR FLIGHT

OH YOU'RE HERE?
ENJOYING THE TEPID EVENING AIR?

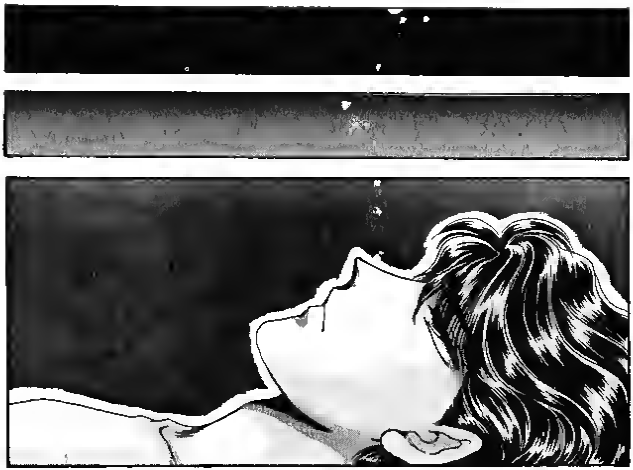

SADLY, WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE BUT TO SHOOT YOU IN ORDER TO STOP YOU
AND UNFORTU-NATELY
THE SHOT WAS DEADLY?

SO THE RUMOR THAT THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SHUDO CLAN AND THE TAKATSUKA DISTRICT IS TRUE...
HOWEVER I'M DEAD IN ANY CASE, AREN'T I?
WELL, IF YOU PREFER
YOU COULD HAVE THROWN YOURSELF FROM THE ROOF, AFTER YOU REALIZED HOW HOPELESS YOUR SITUATION WAS
WHICH SMALL-MINDED IDIOT IS CONTENT WITH THE PITIFUL INCOME OF A POLICEMAN?
EVERYONE IS STRIVING FOR SOMETHING MORE
...NEITHER...
SO BEING SHOT DOWN OR A FREE FLIGHT?
IF YOU'RE ASKING ME...
SFX: SHOE HITTING TSUTSUMI'S FACE
SFX: SWISH

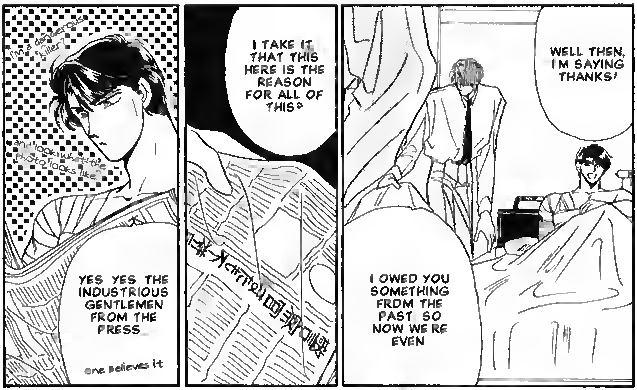
SHH
YANK
YOU
UGH
SLAM!
!!
SFX SHAA
SFX TSUTSUMI'S HEAD HITTING HASHIBA'S CHIN
ARGH!!
WAH!
!!
...PITIFUL BASTARD

SFX BANG!!
IS HE DEAD?
COME ON GO DOWN AND LOOK
SEARCH FOR HIM!
IS HE GONE?
SFX HITTING THE GROUND

SHIT! LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE A COUPLE OF BROKEN RIBS
haa haa haa haa
THUD
SLIDE
AND I CAN BARELY FEEL MY WOUNDED ARM
oo.. my nice shirt is covered in blood
OTHERWISE I WOULD BE DEAD SO I M ONLY HALF-DEAD
LUCKILY I HIT A TREE...
TSUTSUMI THAT DOG "I WISH YOU A GOOD REST" — AS IF!



YOUR SHOULDER WOUND IS SLIGHTLY INFECTED BUT SINCE THE BULLET WENT RIGHT THROUGH IT SHOULD HEAL SMOOTHLY
YES
WH-AT?
I'M AT YOUR HOME?
Ouch
Ouch
Ouch
YOU'RE AWAKE?
Y-YES
I PICKED YOU UP
HOW DID I GET HERE?
SO YOU SHOULDN'T MOVE AROUND TOO MUCH
YOU'VE GOT A COUPLE OF BROKEN RIBS
IT WAS PURE COINCI-DENCE
I FOUND YOU NEAR SOME TRASH AND THOUGHT
THAT YOU WERE TOO GOOD TO THROW AWAY


YES YES THE INDUSTRIOUS GENTLEMEN FROM THE PRESS
one believes it
I TAKE IT THAT THIS HERE IS THE REASON FOR ALL OF THIS?
I OWED YOU SOMETHING FROM THE PAST SO NOW WE'RE EVEN
WELL THEN, I'M SAYING THANKS!

* HEADLINE "SCANDAL OF A POLICEMAN

IF YOU EVEN THINK OF DOING SOMETHING TO HIM
I'LL KILL YOU IN THE SAME INSTANT
FOR SOMEONE HALF DEAD HE'S SURE IN A GOOD MOOD
REAL-LY
I'LL GO TO THE MAIN AGENCY
STAY HERE AND REST
WHAT YOU LEAVE YOUR GOOD FRIEND ALONE WITH A DANGEROUS KILLER LIKE ME?
as emotion-less as ever

Oh! Mom?
THE PERFECT HOUSE-"HUS-BAND"
THE SHRIMP WITH SPAGHETTI IS REALLY TASTY
I THINK I'LL BE BACK FOR SUPPER YOU WANT ANY-THING IN PARTICULAR?
ONE REALLY GETS GOOSE-BUMPS
HEH HEH
TILL LATER
GOOD
BUT ONE COULD SAY THE SAME ABOUT YOU TWO
YOU THINK SO?
HE SEEMS TO BE VERY ATTACHED TO YOU

I HAVE NO CLUE
SASAKI WOULDN'T TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE LIKE THIS
DEFINITELY NOT AGAINST IT
CLACK
YOU THINK SO?
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT TOMATO JUICE AS A REFRESHMENT?
WOULD EARN HIS MONEY AS AN EROTIC-NOVELIST AND ENJOYING GREAT SUCCESS WITH FEMALE AUDIENCES ISN'T ANY LESS ORIGINAL
THAT THE SECOND-BORN SON OF THE IMONOYAMA FAMILY, WHOSE COMPANY IS A GLOBAL PLAYER WITH THE HIGHEST INFLUENCE
THANKS
I IMAGINED YOU WOULD BECOME A TERRORIST.
WHEN I HEARD FROM SASAKI THAT YOU BECAME A POLICEMAN, I WAS REALLY SURPRISED.
I LOVE YOUR BOOKS. I READ THEM ALL
AND THAT'S DESPITE WRITING UNDER A PSEUDONYM
YOU REALLY KNOW EVERYTHING
HERE YOU GO.

BACK THEN, WHEN I WAS STILL A CARE-FREE STUDENT
HOW'S YOUR RIGHT EYE?
I CAN STILL DIFFERENTI-ATE BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARK
W-WHAT?
ISN'T THAT TSUZUKU IMONOYAMA?
A YEAR OLDER THAN ME?
HEY...
WELL WHAT DOES ONE SAY TO THAT!
He knows even as a child he's never done anything else

SFX: DASH
HM?
I-I'LL KILL YOU!
WELL THERE IS NO ONE STANDING BUT YOU DO YOU DARE FACE ANOTHER ROUND?
S-SHUT UP!
SFX: WOOF x3
SFX: PANT PANT
SFX: SLASH!
SFX: SPLISH

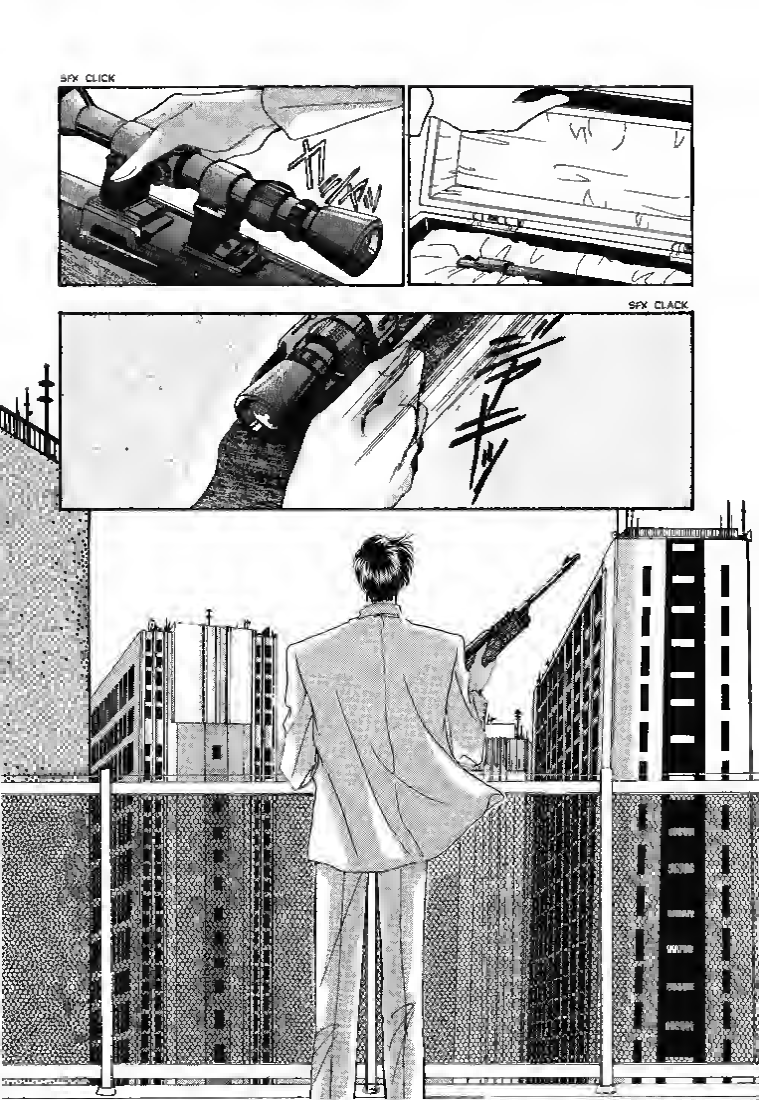
A SMALL PUPPY BETWEEN YOUR FEET AND TO NOT HURT IT, YOU DIDN'T EVADE?!
UAH!
THAT HIT HOME...
WITHOUT BREAKING INTO A SWEAT...
WHERE EVERYONE IS A HEAD TALLER THAN YOU...
FIRST YOU BEAT UP THIS GANG
THAT REALLY IMPRESSED ME.
AND THERE WASN'T A BIG FUSS ABOUT IT.
AND THANKS TO THE DOCTOR YOU BROUGHT ME TO IMMEDIATELY, MY RIGHT EYE COULD PARTIALLY BE SAVED.
I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE.
AND THEN YOU ALLOWED YOURSELF TO BE STABBED, JUST TO PREVENT HURTING A DOG.

IT ALWAYS PAYS TO HELP SOMEONE
BECAUSE THIS SOMEONE WILL HELP YOU LATER
ARE NOW PROBABLY LYING PEACE-FULLY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN.
MIGHT BE
YOU HAVE YOURSELF TO THANK THAT THERE WAS NO FUSS
THE GANG DISSOLVED ON ITS OWN AND THE GUYS WHO ATTACKED YOU...
SFX AHAHAHA
BUT SADLY I DON'T DO MEN
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF A DATE?
YOU'VE BECOME A REALLY BEAUTIFUL GUY.
I'VE GOT TO SAY, SINCE THEN...
FUR-THER-MORE...
AND GOOD AT COOKING ...
WELL, HE'S HARD-WORKING...
HOUSE-WORK COMES NATURALLY TO HIM TOO
I DON'T HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF ANYTHING
NO?
THEN WHY ARE YOU LIVING TOGETHER WITH SASAKI?

TO OWN A BIG DOG
IT WAS ALWAYS MY DREAM
SMI
LE
SO A BIG DOG
he really reminds me of a wolf...
I UNDER-STAND
WAS THUS DISCOVERED AND THE POLICE CHIEF THERE WAS FOUND GUILTY AND COULD BE ARRESTED TOO
THE CON-NECTION BETWEEN THE TAKAT-SUKA DIS-TRICT AND THE SHUDO CLAN...
AND HAS ADMIT-TED TO HAVING CONSPIRED WITH THE BOSS OF THE TAKATSUKA DISTRICT TO MAKE HASHIBA LOOK LIKE A SUSPECT
HE'S A MEMBER OF THE SHUDO CLAN
WE'VE ARRESTED THE REAL CULPRIT WHO WAS BEHIND THE MURDER OF OUR WITNESS

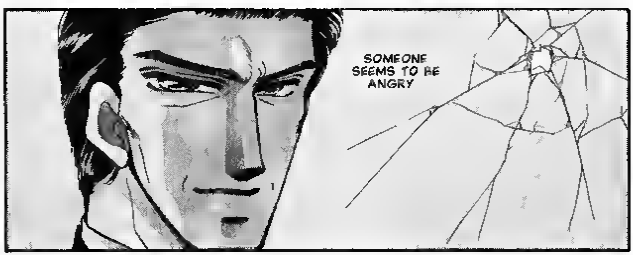
UNDERSTOOD
ANYWAY HASHIBA'S NOW FREE
GOOD WORK!
hah
REALLY GOOD WORK
FURTHERMORE THE POLICE CHIEF ADMITTED THAT HASHIBA'S STAGED BREAK-OUT WAS PLANNED BY HIM AND HAPPENED ON THE ORDERS OF THE SHUDO CLAN
AND WHERE'S HASHIBA NOW?
AT MY HOME
I'VE TAKEN CARE OF HIM FOR NOW BUT HIS WOUNDS ARE QUITE GRAVE
I UNDERSTAND
I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING SO THAT HE CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE POLICE HOSPITAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
PLEASE EXCUSE ME THEN
HASHIBA WON'T BE COMING TO WORK TODAY WILL HE?
WELL, A COUPLE OF SECRETARIES SAID...
THAT THEY HAD SEEN HIM GOING TO THE WEAPON-ROOM
NO, WHY?
SASAKI-SAN!

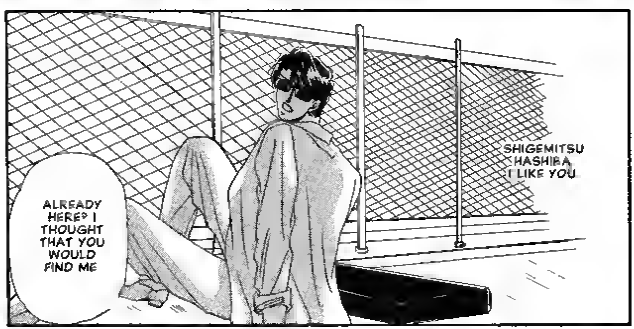
EH
I'LL CHECK IT OUT
HE HAS TO BE CRAZY AND THIS WITH HIS CURRENT STATE!
SHALL I TELL THE CHIEF?
OH, NO!
HE TOOK SOME OF YOUR CLOTHES AND A PAIR OF RAYBANS AS A DISGUISE
HE WOULDN'T GO TO SAWADA
TAP TAP TAP
HE SAID THAT HE ABSOLUTELY HAD TO GIVE SOMEONE HIS THANKS
NO HASHIBA'S NOT HERE
HELLO? IT'S ME


SFX CLICK
SFX CLACK

SFX: CRASH!

BRING HIM HERE IMMEDIATELY!
WHO WAS THIS?
LET IT BE
WHAT WAS THIS?
CRASH
MR. SAWADA!


SOMEONE SEEMS TO BE ANGRY


SHIGEMITSU HASHIBA, I LIKE YOU
ALREADY HERE? I THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD FIND ME

YOU'VE JUST TAKEN A GUN WITHOUT ANY PERMISSION?
NOTHING ESCAPES YOUR NOTICE
YOU LOOK PRETTY PALE
CAN YOU STAND UP?

I'M FEELING A LITTLE DIZZY...
BECAUSE YOU'RE DOING SUCH NON-SENSE.
IF THE CHIEF HEARS ABOUT THIS YOU'RE IN FOR IT.
NAH, I'LL JUST WRITE A REPORT AND LOOK PATHETIC THAT'LL SOFTEN HIM UP.

WHY DIDN'T YOU STAY AT SASAKI'S LIKE A GOOD BOY AND GET SOME REST?!
YOU GOD-DAMNED IDIOT!
SFX MMMPH!
WELL, I WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF SOMEONE THOUGHT HE COULD MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME
SURE
SLAM!
THIS IS A HOSPITAL! PLEASE BE QUIET!
SFX THWACK!
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHING LOSER?
UNTIL YOU'VE FULLY RECOVERED YOU CAN'T BOAST LIKE THAT!

SFX SLAM!
AFTER THAT YOU CAN WORK THROUGH SOME MOUNTAINS OF REPORTS
AND COME BACK TO DUTY QUICKLY WE DON'T SUFFER FROM AN OVER-ABUNDANCE OF PERSONNEL YOU KNOW!
RECOVER COMPLETELY THAT'S AN ORDER!
HA HA HA HA ...
BUT HE WAS PRETTY CONCERNED ABOUT YOU ANYWAY
WOW HE WAS ANGRY
ACTU-ALLY HE'S A GOOD GUY
SFX SIGH!
QUIET ON THE SHOOT!
I REAL-IZE THAT
THAT YOU TOOK THE GUN BECAUSE THE CHIEF TOLD YOU TO
BUT HE WAS PRETTY MIFFED BECAUSE YOU TOLD THE CARE-TAKER

WELL, ONE HAS TO BE LENIENT WITH THE CHOLERIC
OR ?
THAT'S TRUE.
I SHOULD GIVE THE CHIEF MAALOX FOR HIS BIRTHDAY
I'M ASKING MYSELF IF HE'LL GO BALD OR GET A STOMACH ULCER FIRST...?
YARA REALLY DOESN'T HAVE IT EASY.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: MAALOX- MEDICINE FOR STOMACH ACID...^_^]

IF SOMEBODY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE'S DOING AND ATTACKS A DOZEN OPPONENTS, ONE CAN'T CALL IT CARELESSNESS. IT IS BETTER TO RISK ONE'S LIFE FOR THE RIGHT THING THAN TO DIE IN VAIN. THAT CAN SOMETIMES BE A WEAPON, TOO

I DON'T WANT TO SIMPLY DIE SOMETIME, I WANT TO DIE WITH PRIDE AND FOR THE RIGHT THING. EVERYBODY HAS TO DIE SOMETIME, SO I WANT AT LEAST TO DO IT RIGHT.

COMBINATION
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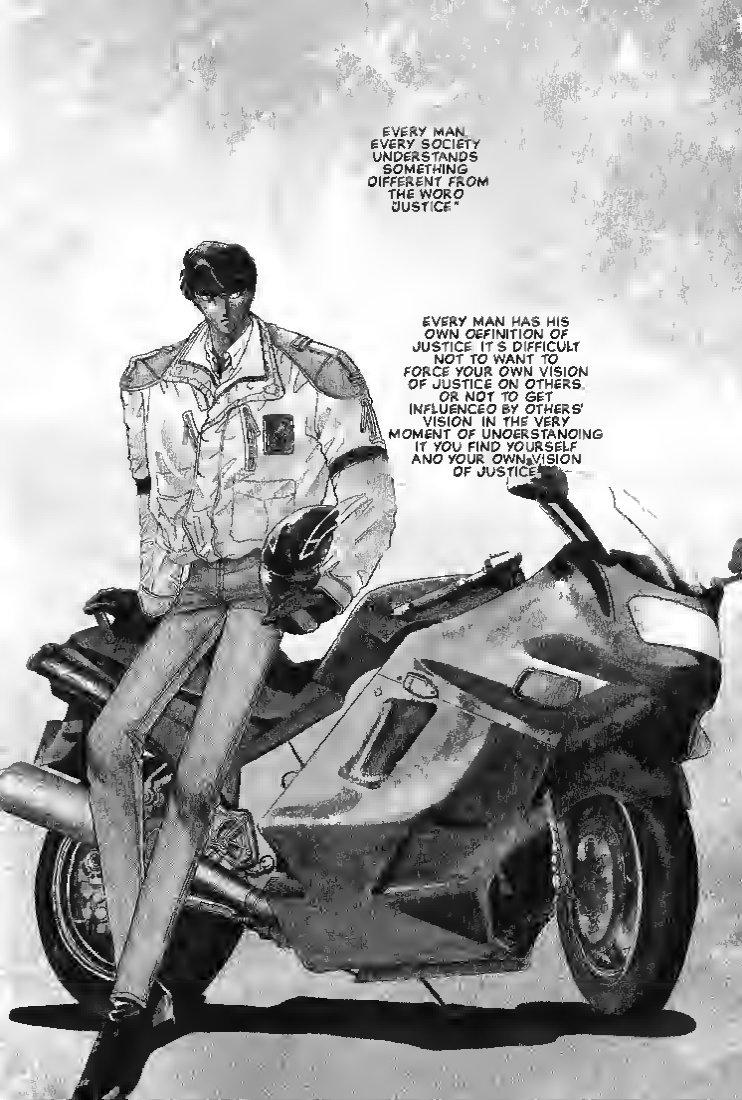
EVERY MAN, EVERY SOCIETY UNDERSTANDS SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM THE WORD JUSTICE"
EVERY MAN HAS HIS OWN DEFINITION OF JUSTICE. IT'S DIFFICULT NOT TO WANT TO FORCE YOUR OWN VISION OF JUSTICE ON OTHERS, OR NOT TO GET INFLUENCED BY OTHERS' VISION. IN THE VERY MOMENT OF UNDERSTANDING IT YOU FIND YOURSELF AND YOUR OWN VISION OF JUSTICE...

IIDABASHI POLICE HOSPITAL
clack
NA-NU?
FOR THIS PATIENT HERE
WHAT IS IT THEN?
FOR-GET IT!
YOU CATCH ME ONE MORE TIME
WITHOUT THE MASK ON
WHAT BAD LUCK BUT
IT S ACTUALLY DR IMAI THAT IS RESPON-SIBLE
BANG!
BANG
BANG

BANG
AAAOI
!!
SLASH
HASHIBA!
TAP TAP
HELLO!
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?
DOESN'T REALLY MATTER THOUGH
IT SEEMS I'M QUITE A PAIN IN THE NECK FOR YOUR BOSS

OKAY
IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY HELP FOR IT IS TO SEIZE THE EVIL AT THE ROOT
A MAN CAN'T GET ANY PEACE
IS THERE MAYBE A PRICE ON MY HEAD AGAIN?
BUT YOU WERE ORDERED TO STAY IN BED!
I THINK I CAN LEAVE WITH CLEAR CONSCIENCE
I'M GOING TO DIE FROM BOREDDM LAYING HERE LIKE THIS
PASSED OUT
THE WOUND HAS CLOSED
OH, AND KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM THE COMPANY PRESIDENT FOR A WHILE
I think he'd understand but...
.....
THAT'S TRUE
BUT...
ROKKOU WAS HOSPITALIZED SO SHOULDN'T YOU HURRY UP AND GO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM?

SHUDO CLAN HIDEOUT
TADAM
THE COPS!
STOP
STOP
STOP
SHIT!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT IS IT?
SHUT UP!
WE HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING!
SHIT! WHERE THE HELL DID THOSE TWO GET THEIR INFO?
THE FLOPPY WITH DATA ON THE SHUDO CLAN'S WEAPON RUNNING AND DRUG DEALINGS!
MAYBE WE'LL FIND SOMETHING MORE
SEARCH THROUGH EVERY-THING!
CHIEF I FOUND THE FLOPPY!
GOOD! LEAD THOSE PATHETIC GUYS AWAY!

AH, BY THE WAY
WOULON T YOU LIKE TO MOVE TO THE FOURTH SQUAO?
HM?
LEAVE THE SHUOO CLAN TO ME AND THE FOURTH SQUAO
ANO ONCE MORE, THANK YOU FOR SUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION
GOOO
EVEN GANG BOSSES PRAISE YOU ANO FANCY THEY WOULON T FIND SUCH ICE-COLO TYPES IN THEIR OWN RANKS!
WELL A MAN OOES WHAT HE CAN
OH YEAH YOU SEEM LIKE SWELL GUYS BUT YOU RE FEARED BY THE WHOLE UNDER-WORLO!
ANO THAT S NOT ONLY IN ONE PRECINCT!
ISN T IT OBVIOUS?
ANO WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING NOW?
ANO PLEASE TELL YARA NOTHING ABOUT US GIVING YOU THE INFOR-MATION
OF COUR-SE
AS ALWAYS
SECONO SQUAO HAS A MANPOWER SHORTAGE HE COULO TAKE FOUR OF MY MEN
I COULO TALK TO CHIEF YARA I HEARO THAT
WHY OON T WE CONTINUE THIS CONVER-SATION SOME OTHER TIME?

WE'RE GOING TO CUT OFF THE SNAKE'S HEAD
WHEN THE BOSS FINDS OUT THAT THE SHUDO CLAN WAS UNEARTHED
I'M A DEAD MAN.
I GOTTA TAKE OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IS THERE SOMEONE ON A NIGHT HIKE?
SHOCK

IF YOU MEAN YOUR BODY-GUARDS
THEY SUDDENLY FELT SOOO TIRED
Y-YOU...?
HOW DID YOU ...?
I WAS JUST OBEYING ORDERS!
I...
Y-YOU ...
WERE JUST IN THE BOSS' WAY!
SO I OWE ALL THE ATTEMPTS ON MY LIFE TO YOU?
WHAT ABOUT A DEAL?
!?

I WAS JUST HIS SUBORDINATE!
I HAVE EVIDENCE LOTS OF EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM! I CAN PUT SOMETHING AGAINST HIM IN YOUR HANDS!
IF YOU WANT I CAN BE CALLED IN TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE BOSS! AGAINST SAWADA!
AND WHAT DO YOU WANT IN EXCHANGE?
PROTECT ME!
I'M ON SAWADAS BLACK LIST NOW!
HE'LL HAVE ME BUMPED OFF FOR SURE!
HELP ME!
I DON'T WANNA DIE YET!
WHERE'S YOUR EVIDENCE?
SO WE HAVE A DEAL?

BA
NG
HER
!!

HA-SHIBA! IT'S ON FIRE!
NO IDEA WHO SHOT FROM WHERE BUT IT WAS A GOOD SHOT!
PITY ABOUT HIM
THEY SURE ARE THOROUGH
GOOD THEN AFTER ME
WE CAN FOR-GET THE DOOR
IT'S LIKE A SEA OF FLAMES OUTSIDE

!
OUCH!
JUST GREAT
YOU OKAY?
BURN THE WHOLE PLACE DOWN, AND ALL CROWN WITNESSES AND ALL EVIDENCE ARE GONE
THIS KEEPS US ON THE GO

POLICE HQ
WHAT MISCHIEF DID THE TWO OF YOU
GET INTO YESTERDAY?
MIS-CHIEF?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY MISCHIEF?
YOU KNOW PERFECTYLY WELL WHAT I MEAN!!
YOU IMBECILES! OH, MY NERVES...
HOW COULO YOU OO IT ON YOUR OWN?
THE FOURTH SQUAO ANO FINALLY YOU BROKE INTO SHUOO-CLAN S HOUSE WITHOUT A WARRANT!
OON T TAKE ME FOR A FOOL! YOU RAN OFF FROM THE HOSPITAL THEN YOU SECRETLY GOT TO-GETHER WITH
BESIOES BY THE TIME WE GOT A WARRANT HE WOULO ALREADY BE FAR AWAY!
TO RULE OUT ALL SUSPICION OF TRESPASSING, WE RANG THE BELL ANO GOT IN NORMALLY BY THE FRONT OOOR
THERE WAS NO BREAKING IN

WONDERFUL, CHIEF! SHERLOCK HOLMES COULDN'T COMPARE!
SO HE WAS SHUT UP? AND WHAT ABOUT THE FIRE...?
HE'S DEAD
SO? DID HE ESCAPE?
!
HASHIBA! DON'T JOKE WITH ME!
WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT YESTERDAY'S FIRE?
SO WERE YOU ABLE TO CHECK THE BULLET WOUND ON THE CORPSE?
SO
NO ALL THAT'S LEFT OF HIM ARE UNIDENTIFIABLE ASHES
THE CASE GOES TO THE COURTS RIGHT?
Thanks for the cocoa!
.....
THE CLUES WE COLLECTED INDICATE A CARELESS RESIDENT

BETTER BE CAREFUL IT MAY NOT GO SO SMOOTHLY FOR YOU THE NEXT TIME
DON'T GO TOO FAR...
ANYWAY IT'S A DELICATE CASE LET'S NOT HURRY THINGS
.....
IF YOU KEEP THIS UP YOU'LL GET KILLED DON'T YOU GET IT?
RATHER COWARDLY WORDS FOR A POLICE CHIEF WHOSE JOB IS TO PROTECT PEOPLE
SO...
!
BECAUSE OF THE DANGER I'M OUT OF THE HOSPITAL!
EXACTLY
IT'S ALL ABOUT SURVIVAL WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE RIGHT TIME
.....
HA-HASHIBA!
COME ON LITTLE ONE
I'M GOING TO GET SOME FRESH AIR IT'LL BE GOOD FOR MY RECOVERY

HASHIBA IS NOT IDLE
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
YOU'RE EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN THEY SAY
EVERYONE IN THIS PLACE HAS EYES ONLY FOR YOU
IF I ASKED YOU OUT FOR SOME TEA
TSUZU?
I NEVER TURN DOWN AN INVITATION
FROM A CHARMING LADY

A SIMPLE INVITATION FOR TEA WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR ME
BUT BEING HERE IN A LUXURY SUITE WITH YOU FILLS ME WITH JOY EVEN MORE
ANYTHING LESS WOULDN'T BE FIT THE SON OF THE BOSS OF ONE OF THE BIGGEST SYNDICATES IN THE WORLD
I HAVE SOMETHING EXCEPTIONAL TO OFFER YOU...
AND BY THE WAY...
WE ARE HERE
UNDISTURBED
I ASSUME YOU KNOW ME?
YES, YOU'RE DEPUTY SAWADA'S RIGHT HAND AND KNOWN AS A BRILLIANT THINKER
MIYA TAKAGI
YOU FLATTER ME
NOT AT ALL. I MERELY STATE FACTS NOW, WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT FOLLO-WING SAWA-DA?
YOU DIDN'T INVITE ME HERE JUST FOR A NICE CUP OF TEA DID YOU?
YOU'RE RIGHT LET'S NOT BEAT AROUND THE BUSH ANYMORE!
EXACTLY SHOULD I WHAT, THINK ABOUT IT?
OF COU-RSE
BUT I'M MUCH MORE...
INTER-ESTED IN YOUR SUPPORT
IF WHAT YOU WANT IS THE IMONOYAMA SYNDICATE'S SUPPORT, YOU SHOULD TURN TO MY BROTHER
AND YOU'RE TELLING ME ALL THIS SO FREELY?
SAWADA IS ALREADY AT THE POINT OF BECOMING ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL MEN IN THE WORLD
JUST AS I SAID
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME
BEFORE HE DIRECTS ALL JAPAN'S POLITICS FROM BEHIND THE SCENES

IF YOU ALIGN YOURSELF WITH SAWADA
THEN YOU'LL CONTROL THE ENTIRE JAPANESE ECONOMY
OR
YOU COULD SAY WE'LL MAKE JAPAN TO A WORLD LEADER
EVER SINCE YOU TURNED THE SYNDICATE INTO A PUBLICLY HELD LIMITED COMPANY
THE STOCK EXCHANGE RISES AND FALLS AT YOUR COMMAND
THE IMONO-YAMA SYNDICATE IS A GIGANTIC CONGLO-MERATE
AND YOU THE SECOND SON OF THE FAMILY ARE THE HEAD OF THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT
YOU'RE KNOWN AS A COMPUTER GENIUS
I VERY FLATTERED BY YOUR HIGH OPINION OF ME
BUT AT THE MOMENT I HAVE NO INTEREST IN SUCH BANAL MATTERS
WELL? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
DON'T YOU THINK WE'RE CAST FROM THE SAME MOLD?
YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT I CAN KEEP YOU HERE UNTIL YOU CONSENT

WOULDN'T ADVISE IT...
YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT
HERE AND NOW...
I CAN ELIMINATE SAWADA

IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER TO ME WHAT YOU ARE ACTUALLY PLANNING BUT
I'M NOT SOMEONE THAT WILL TOLERATE SOMEONE WHO GETS IN MY WAY

HIS TONE HIS STARE...
FASCINATING
I'LL LET MYSELF OUT

TOUGH WORDS.
I GOT A SHIVER DOWN MY SPINE...
YOU'RE LIKE A WILD CAT.
WONDERFUL, CHARMING, BUT ALSO EXCITING AND DANGEROUS.
CAN IT BE THIS SIDE OF YOU THAT YOUR FRIEND TREASURES SO?

KEIJI SASAKI
A CHARMING YOUNG MAN I LIKE HIM A LOT
BUT HE'S A BIT COLD
YOU MEAN SO MUCH TO HIM THAT HE HAS EYES ONLY FOR YOU
THE WHOLE THING IS SAD
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE SNATCHED HIM FROM YOU?
IF HE WASN'T HERE ANY-MORE
WHAT FACE WOULD YOU MAKE?
YOU SOUND LIKE A BITTER WIDOW
IF YOU ONLY ANGER YOUNG MEN YOU'LL DIE SAD AND LONELY

DON'T ALWAYS DO EVERYTHING THAT CROSSES YOUR MIND
STILL MAKING A BITTER WIDOW ANGRY CAN BE DANGEROUS THING LITTLE ONE
GOOD-BYE

IF WE HANDLE HIM THE WRONG WAY, MY POSITION GETS WORSE
WHAT HE SAID WASN'T JUST A BLUFF
I DID IT FOR YOU
BUT IF WE COULD MAKE HIM JOIN OUR CAUSE HE'D MAKE A WORTHY ALLY FOR US

WELL
ALL THE SAME, WATANABE HAS LOOKED AROUND TO PROTECT HIS HIDE JUST IN CASE
YOU'VE SEEN MORE THAN A FEW GET CORRUPTED, SURELY?

NOW ABOUT OUR CONNECTIONS WITH SHUDO-CLAN AND THE MURDERS
ATTACKS AND DRUG DEALS THAT HAVE HAPPENED
HE COLLECTED PLENTY OF EVIDENCE
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?
IT'S IN HASHIBA'S HANDS
IT'S TSUTSUMI'S RESPONSIBILITY
A FATAL FAILURE
SAWADA NEVER FORGETS
I THINK THIS TIME TSUTSUMI WILL HAVE TO BEG FORGIVENESS FROM SAWADA
YOU CAN BE REALLY SCARY
I TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT

WHAT'S WRONG THEN? BAD MOOD?
ONLY A GOURMAND LIKE ME CAN TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR COOKING SKILLS!
GOD THAT WAS TASTY!
REALLY SASAKI!
TELL ME TSUZUKU
A BRUTE LIKE SASAKI. HOW COME HE'S FOLLOWING YOU SO CLOSELY?
AM I INTERRUPTING?
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NO REASON TO MIND ME!
CHOCOLATE?
I OFFERED HIM SOME CHOCOLATE ONCE

I WAS PLAYING HOOKY OURING MY SCHOOLS OPENING CEREMONY
AND QUIETLY EATING SOME CHOCOLATE IN THE SCHOOL YARD UNDER A CHERRY TREE
SASAKI APPARENTLY GOT LOST, AND SUDDENLY APPEARED IN FRONT OF ME
HE JUST STARED AT ME
WITH THOSE HUGE EXPRESSIONLESS EYES LIKE HE WAS SAYING "GIVE ME CHOCOLATE OR I WILL DEVOUR YOU"!
I GOT SCARED AND GAVE HIM MY CHOCOLATE THEN I RAN AWAY
SINCE THEN
SO HE WAS A BIT WEIRD ALREADY AS A CHILD
EXACTLY
HE'S STUCK TO YOU TILL THIS VERY DAY?

YEAH RIGHT
YOU COULD PUT IT LIKE THAT
ISN T HE
REALLY CUTE?
ABOVE ALL WHEN HE S CLOSE TO YOU YOU NOTICE THAT HE S NOT INTERESTED IN ANYONE ELSE AROUND
HE S SO CUTE. THAT MAN WANTS TO TAKE HIM BY THE NECK AND ABOUCT HIM.
IF YOU WANT IT BACK. MOVE THREE TIMES IN A CIRCLE AND SAY "WOOF"!
LOOK! I HAVE THE LEFT HAND OF YOUR BELOVED FRIEND!
SA-SAKI!
CAN I DEMON-STRATE?
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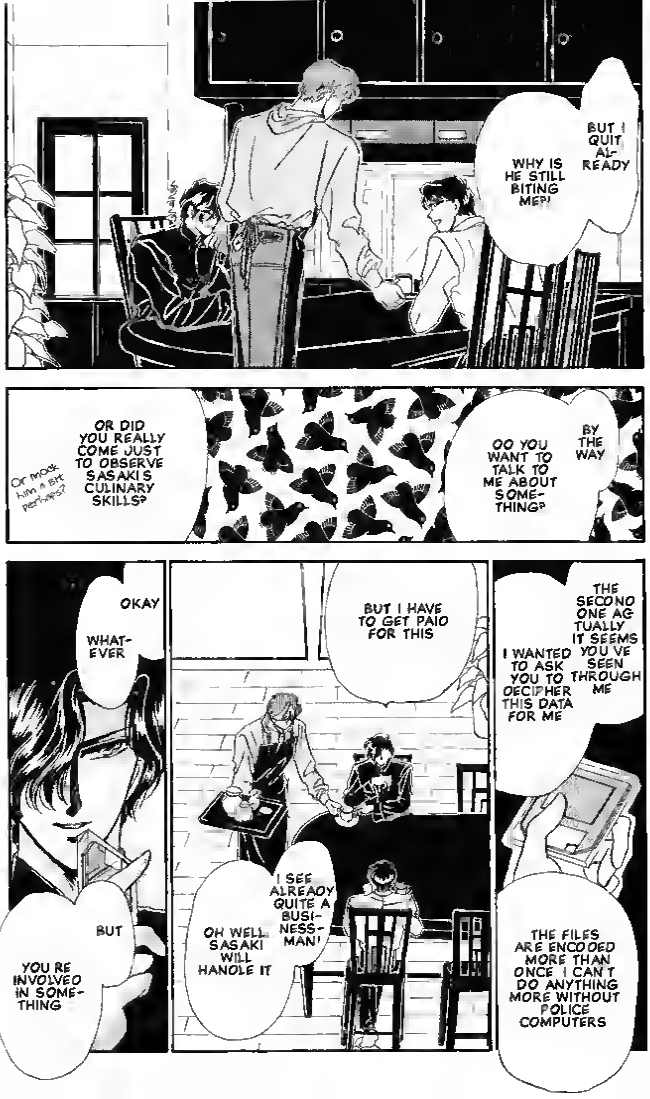
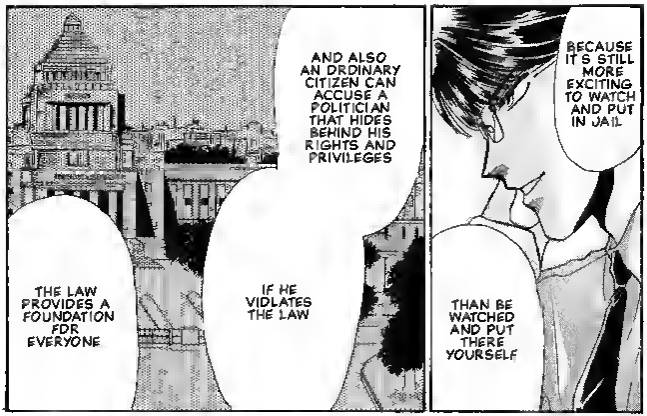

BUT I QUIT ALREADY
WHY IS HE STILL BITING ME?!
BY THE WAY
OO YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT SOMETHING?
OR DID YOU REALLY COME JUST TO OBSERVE SASAKI'S CULINARY SKILLS?
Or make him a bit nervous?
THE SECOND ONE AGTUALLY IT SEEMS YOU'VE SEEN THROUGH ME
I WANTED TO ASK YOU TO DECIPHER THIS DATA FOR ME
BUT I HAVE TO GET PAID FOR THIS
THE FILES ARE ENCODED MORE THAN ONCE I CAN'T DO ANYTHING MORE WITHOUT POLICE COMPUTERS
I SEE ALREADY QUITE A BUSINESSMAN!
OH WELL SASAKI WILL HANDLE IT
OKAY
WHATEVER
BUT
YOU'RE INVOLVED IN SOMETHING

HE NEVER TALKS ABOUT HIS WORK
DID SASAKI TELL YOU THAT?
YOU SEE DEPUTY SAWADA IS TOO BIG A FISH FOR AN ORDINARY POLICEMAN
ARE YOU GETTING A LOT OF OPPOSITION FROM YOUR SUPERIORS OR THEY ARE TRYING TO INTIMIDATE YOU?
WELL
THE POLICE DON'T ALWAYS SIDE WITH JUSTICE
ONE IS SUPPOSED TO THINK HIGHLY OF THE LAW AND CURB EVERYONE THAT TRIES TO BREAK IT
MAN SHOULD KEEP WATCH OVER EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF CITIZENS
WHY DID YOU BECOME A POLICEMAN THEN?
BUT ONLY A LITTLE KID IS GULLIBLE ENOUGH TO BELIEVE IN AN OMNIPRESENT JUSTICE
AN INDIVIDUALISTIC VIEW!


THE LAW PROVIDES A FOUNDATION FOR EVERYONE
IF HE VIDLATES THE LAW
AND ALSO AN ORDINARY CITIZEN CAN ACCUSE A POLITICIAN THAT HIDES BEHIND HIS RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES
THAN BE WATCHED AND PUT THERE YOURSELF
BECAUSE IT'S STILL MORE EXCITING TO WATCH AND PUT IN JAIL

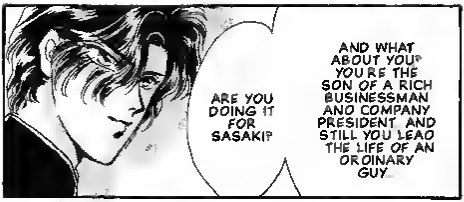
COME ON SPILL IT
IS THAT WHAT YOU MEAN?
SO BOTH POLITICIANS AND US ARE MERELY PAWNS FOR THE BUSINESS MOGULS
BUT JAPAN IS A WORLD ECONOMIC POWER AND THE GREATEST INFLUENCE IS HELD BY THE BIGGEST FISH IN THE BUSINESS
SAWADAS POWER CAN ALSO BE EXPLAINED LIKE THIS?

TAKESHI SAWADA 44 DEPUTY OF THE CONSER-VATIVE PARTY
AS FAR AS FAMILY MATTERS GO HIS ONLY SON RAN AWAY FROM HOME SOME TIME AGO
EVEN THOUGH EVERY POLITICIAN NEEDS A WIFE
TO BE SEEN OFTEN HE DIDN'T REMARRY AFTER HIS WIFE DIED 18 YEARS AGO AND IS CURRENTLY SINGLE

HATS OFF YOU REALLY DID YOUR HOMEWORK
HE SEEMS LIKE A CLOSET ROMANTIC

Computer freak since early childhood with a promising future!
DO YOU KNOW HER?
SHE HAS A WIDE EXTENSIVE INFORMATION NET AT HER DISPOSAL
SHE'S CELEBRITY AMONG THE HACKERS
IN TODAY'S INFORMATION SOCIETY THE WINNER IS THE ONE THAT GETS INFO FASTER AND MORE ACCURATELY THAN OTHERS
AND INFORMATION IS AN EXPENSIVE COMMODITY
YAKKO-CHAN HAS CERTAINLY TOLD YOU THAT ALREADY I'M SURE
The only flower scene in this issue.
WHAT CAN YOU SAY?
BUT MOST ARE WICKEDLY PROTECTED BY THEIR AGE SHE IS EVEN YOUNGER THAN SHE LOOKS

A MAN LIKE HIM LEADING JAPAN'S POLITICS WOULD MAKE OUR WORLD MUCH MORE INTERESTING
EXACTLY WHAT HIS PLAN IS ESCAPES ME BUT I KNOW THAT MONEY AND POWER ARE ONLY MEANS TO AN END TO HIM
I LIKE PEOPLE THAT PLAY ALL THEIR STRENGTHS TO GET TO THE TOP
ON THE OTHER SIDE
ARE YOU TOYING WITH THE THOUGHT OF ARRESTING SAWADA?
I SEE IT LIKE THAT TOO
ABSOLUTELY NOT BUT
CORRUPTED POLITICIANS ARE LIKE SAND IN THE DESERT
HOW COME YOU ARE SO BENT ON SAWADA?
HOW FUNNY
OR
DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE INCIDENT FROM THREE YEARS AGO?


ARE YOU DOING IT FOR SASAKI?
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU'RE THE SON OF A RICH BUSINESSMAN AND COMPANY PRESIDENT AND STILL YOU LEAD THE LIFE OF AN ORDINARY GUY

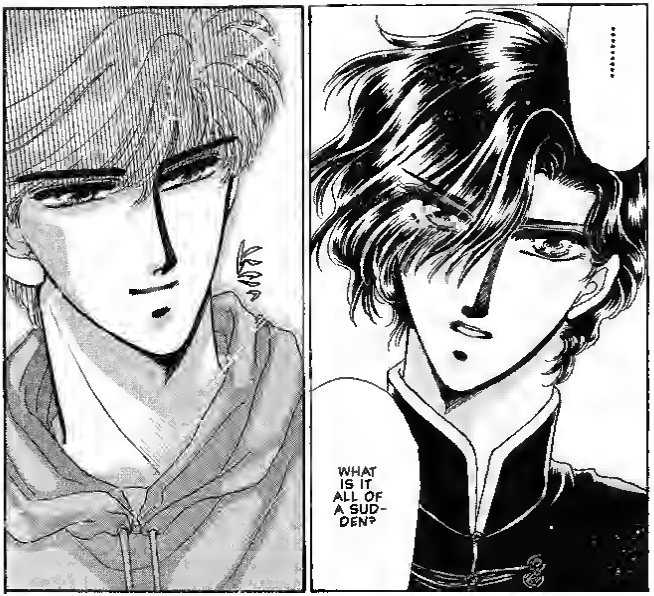
IT'S ONLY AN EGO THING
I WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH LITTLE FISH
IT'S BAD FOR THE EGO

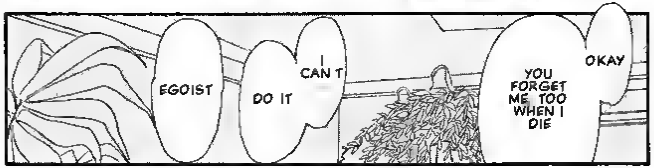
HE ALWAYS MANAGES TO DOOGE SHIT!
THE LIFE OF A LITTLE MAN AGREES WITH ME MUCH BETTER
I'M REALLY NO MORE THAN A SMALL-MINDED BOURGEOIS

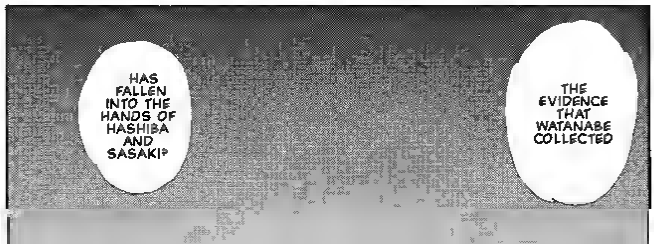
PAH
PLEASE WHAT'S SO GREAT? ONE HEART ONE SOUL
GREAT
SO WE HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON - I'M ALSO NARROW-MINDED

YES
DID HASHIBA REALLY GO HOME?

TSU-ZUKU
.....
I LIKE HIS WARPED SENSE OF HUMOR.
AN INTE-RES-TING MAN.
WHEN I DIE
.....
PLEASE FORGET ABOUT ME
JUST FORGET ABOUT ME


WHAT IS IT ALL OF A SUDDEN?


OKAY
YOU FORGET ME TOO WHEN I DIE
I CAN'T DO IT
EGOIST


THE EVIDENCE THAT WATANABE COLLECTED
HAS FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF HASHIBA AND SASAKI?

HE WILL OBVIOUSLY PRETEND TO HAVE HAD NO IDEA
OF WHAT HIS SECRETARY GENERAL COMMITTED BEHIND HIS BACK
IT WAS A GRAVE ERROR ON YOUR PART TO PERMIT WATANABE TO COLLECT SO MUCH EVIDENCE
WHAT THAT MEANS DON'T YOU TSUTSUMI?
YES
YOU KNOW
THE BOSS NEVER MADE AN APPEARANCE SO IT ALL GOES RIGHT TO YOU
AND THE BOSS TOLERATES NO MISTAKES
BUT IN YOUR CASE HE WILL MAKE AN EXCEPTION AND GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE TO PROVE YOURSELF
IN A COUPLE OF DAYS, THERE WILL BE A CHARITY FUND-RAISER.
IMONOA-MAS SON IS INVITED.
HASHIBA AND SASAKI ACCOMPANY HIM
I'M GLAD

YOUR JOB IS TO GET HASHIBA OUT OF THE WAY ONCE AND FOR ALL
AND DON'T FORGET
IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE
DO IT FOR THE BOSS
DO IT FOR YOURSELF
WHY SO THOUGHTFUL HASHIBA?
ALL PEOPLE HERE ARE POLITICIANS FROM OTHER PARTIES AND JOURNALISTS THAT MAKE TROUBLE FOR SAWADA
FUNNY
WHAT NO MORE HORS D'OEUVRES THERE?
NOTHING BUT BORING SMALL TALK
WHY INVITE SUCH PEOPLE?

IS SAWADA PLANNING TO TAKE OUT ALL HIS POLITICAL AND MEDIA ENEMIES WITH ONE STRIKE?
BUT IF HE DOES IT...
HE IS BASICALLY CONVICTING HIMSELF
IT'S STILL A BIT REMARKABLE THAT HE HASN'T TURNED UP YET
THERE'S SOMETHING NOT RIGHT WITH THIS PARTY
SOMETHING IS WRONG HERE
WHERE IS THE BOSS?
I SHOULD PERSONALLY ASK HIM ABOUT MY INSTRUCTIONS
I CAN TAKE CARE OF HASHIBA LATER
!?
!!

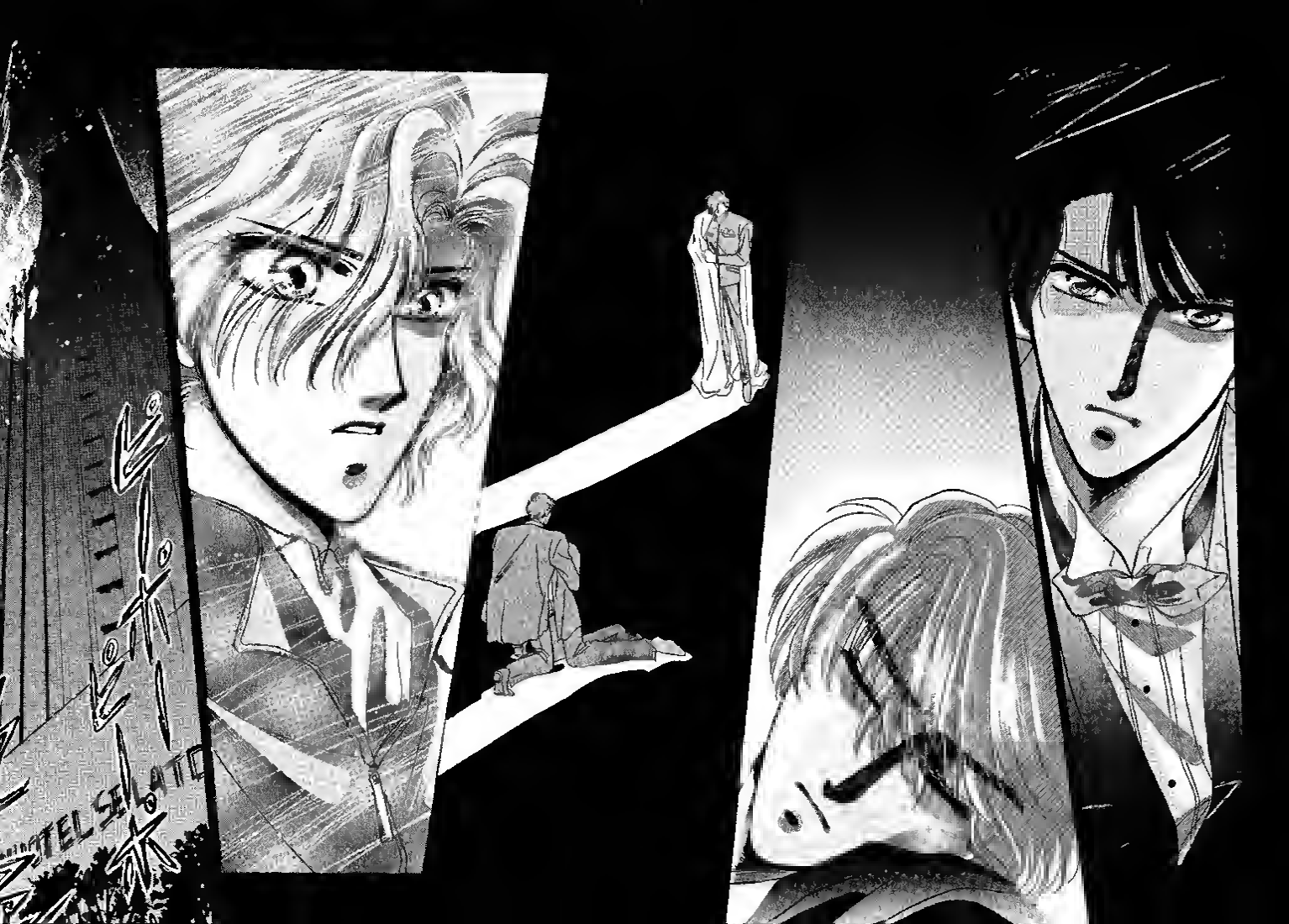
UGH

OUCH
OW!
OW...
SASAKI? YOU OKAY?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, TSU-ZUKU?
YEAH FINE
THANK GOD

EVERY-THING ALL RIGHT?
CALL FOR AMBU-LAN-CES!!
QUICKLY! RESCUE THE WOUND-ED!
THIS WAY PLEA-SE
I REALLY DIDN'T THINK SO
THAT HE WOULD GO THAT FAR
SO TSUZUKU WAS RIGHT

WHAT'S WRONG?
.....
I'M SORRY
I WASN'T... CAREFUL ENOUGH...
SASAKI!

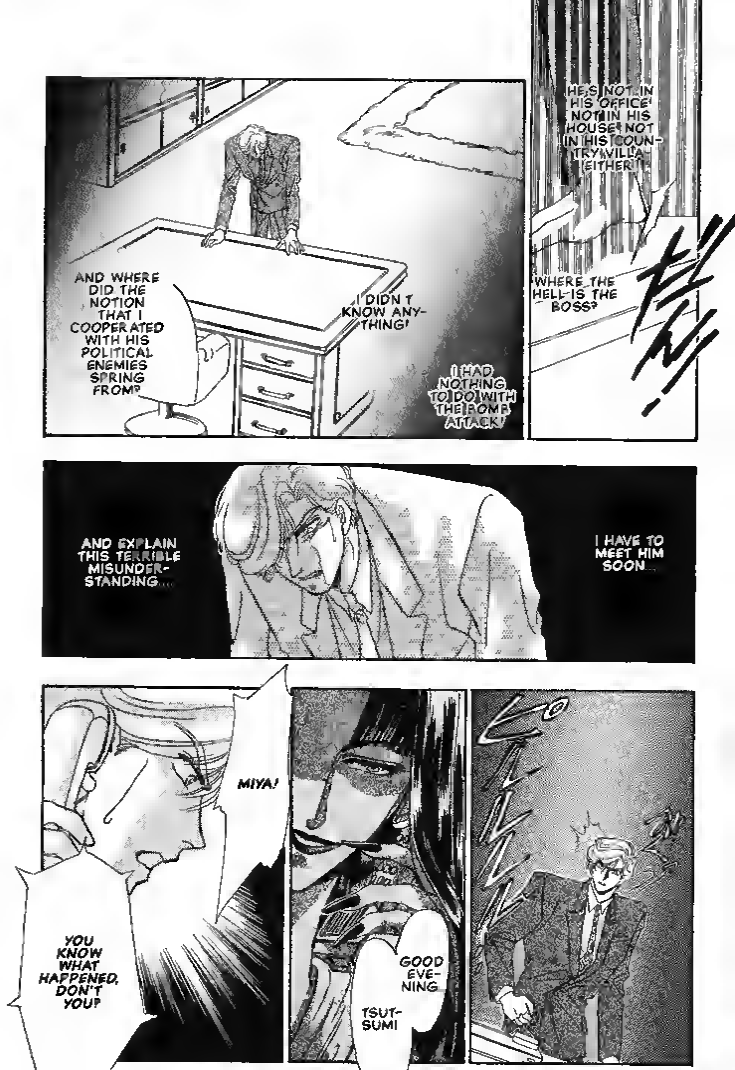
SASAKI!
HEY!!
!
WAKE UP!
BE GENTLE!
BLOOD?



WHAT'S WITH HIS WOUNDS?

TSUTSUMI IS NOW IN SAWADA'S VILLA IN KARUI-ZAWA
RIGHT NOW THERE ISN'T ENOUGH TIME...
TO ESTABLISH SAWADA'S WHEREABOUTS HERE'S A MAP
I HOPED HE WOULD GET OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AS QUICKLY AS YOU DID
I LEAVE TO YOU
THE REST
YOU CAN RELY ON ME.

I WILL AVEN-GE HIM


HE'S NOT IN HIS OFFICE! NOT IN HIS HOUSE! NOT IN HIS COUNTRY VILLA EITHER!
WHERE THE HELL IS THE BOSS?
I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING!
I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BOMB ATTACK!
AND WHERE DID THE NOTION THAT I COOPERATED WITH HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES SPRING FROM?
AND EXPLAIN THIS TERRIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING...
I HAVE TO MEET HIM SOON...
MIYA!
YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, DON'T YOU?
GOOD EVENING, TSUTSUMI

IF YOU'RE REALLY LOYAL TO SAWADA PROVE IT
DECIDE WHAT HE'LL DO WITH YOU
YOU DON'T SEEM TO GET IT YOU'RE FACED WITH ACCEPTED FACT WHAT YOU SAY, OR SAY IS THE 'REAL' TRUTH DOESN'T INTEREST ANYBODY
WAIT!
WHERE IS HE?!
I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! WHY WOULD I DO SOMETHING THAT CAUSES TROUBLE FOR THE BOSS?
I NEED TO SPEAK WITH HIM!
YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A DISPENSABLE PAWN IN A CHESS GAME TO SAWADA
TSUTSUMI
YOU SAW ALL THE GUESTS AT THE PARTY
DIDN'T IT SEEM A BIT WEIRD TO YOU?
SAWADA USED YOU TO TAKE OUT ALL HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES IN ONE STRIKE

I'M SAWADA'S GENERAL SECRETARY!
I'M NOT LIKE WATANABE!
IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU...
NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED
I SHOULD HAVE...
KILLED YOU WITH YOUR PARTNER THREE YEARS AGO
IT WAS YOU...
WHO KILLED MY PARTNER RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES?

TSUTSUMI...
SO IT WAS YOU
YES
WILL YOU KILL ME NOW?
I'D BE HAPPY TO, BUT ...
YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT WITNESS. I NEED YOU TO PUT SAWADA AWAY.

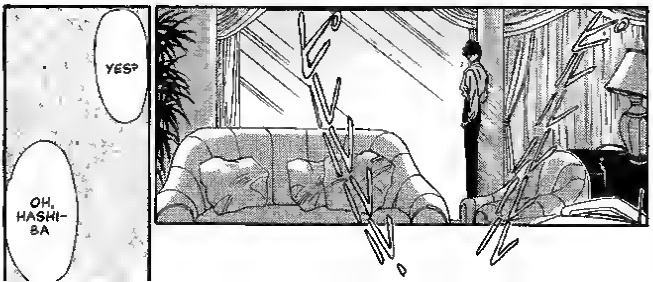
AHAHAH!!
WIT-NESS?!
I WON'T DO ANY-THING THAT COULD HARM HIM!
AS IF I WOULD LET YOU TURN ME INTO A WITNESS!
!
SAWADA WON'T LET HIM-SELF
BE SO EASILY CAUGHT BY SOME-ONE LIKE YOU!
IF I REALLY AM A LIABILITY...

THEN IT'S MY DUTY TO SACRIFICE MYSELF!

SO
DID YOU LIKE YOUR LITTLE SHOW?
EVERYTHING WENT JUST THE WAY YOU PLANNED IT I HOPE
YOU ARE SATIS-FIED
UN-FOR-TUNA-TELY
HASHIBA IS STILL ALIVE
AT LEAST
IT MAKES THINGS MORE INTERES-TING

WHAT DO YOU
OH WELL
HIS NECK-BREAKING ACTIONS HIS EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE, HIS INDIVIDUALISM
HE'S CONSERVATIVE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUT BEHAVES LIKE A GUERILLA
UP TILL NOW THERE WAS NOBODY LIKE HIM IN MY CIRCLE
LIKE SO MUCH ABOUT HASHIBA?
IN SHORT
YOU LIKE PSYCHO-PATHS
I COULD USE HIM
I WOULD GLADLY WIN HIM OVER FOR US
OH YES
AND HOW IS IT WITH YOU AND THIS SASAKI?
I HEARD YOU HAD A CRUSH ON HIM?
WELL
HE'S SO MUCH LIKE YOU

SINCE YOUR WIFE DIED THERE HASN'T BEEN A DAY THAT YOU DIDN'T THINK OF HER MARRYING SOMEONE ELSE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR YOU
YOU'RE BOTH ALIKE THAT WAY
YOU'RE POSSESSED A HOPELESS ROMANTIC
I CAN'T HELP BUT WANT TO TORTURE YOU FOR IT...
YOU'RE A SLY WOMAN
AND YOU SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME

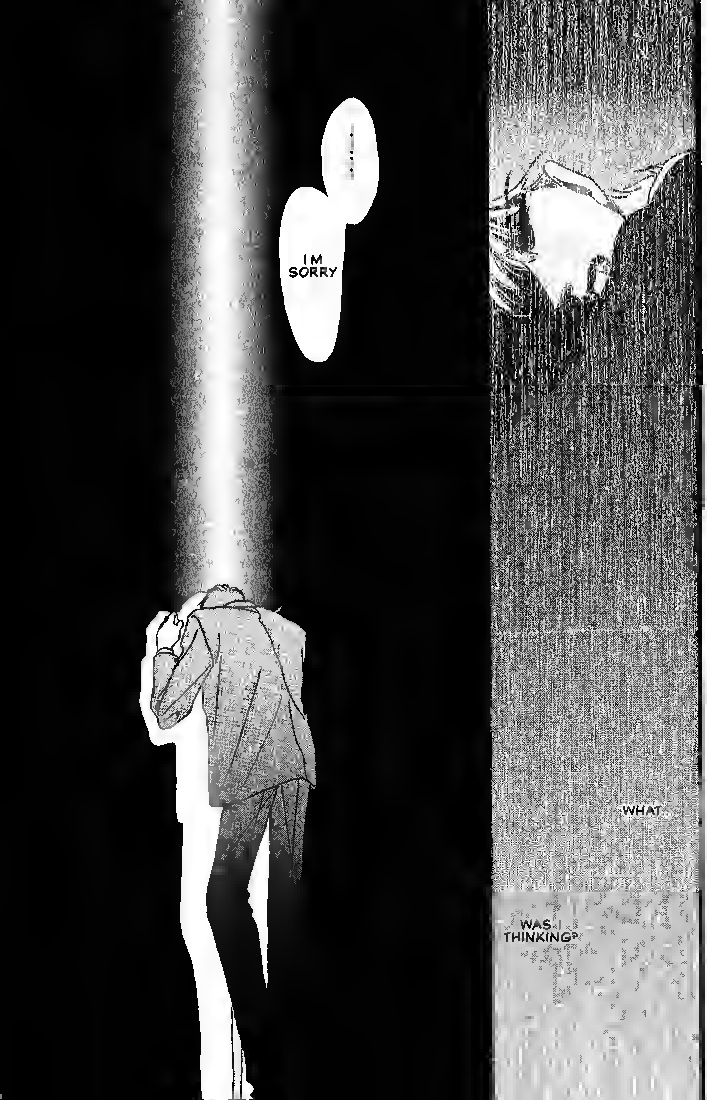

YES?
OH, HASHIBA

SORRY FOR CALLING SO EARLY
DID I WAKE YOU?
ND
I WAS UP
YOU DIDN'T GET ANY SLEEP? ALL NIGHT?
ND
THE TSUTSUMI BUSINESS IS FINISHED
I THDUGHT I SHDULD LET YOU KNOW
I UNDERSTAND THANK YOU BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS IN THE HOTEL?
I CALLED THE HDSPITAL
THEY TOLD ME
WHY AREN T YDU BY HIS SIDE?
THAT WON T HELP HIM
GET BETTER ANY FASTER

HN?
HA-SHI-BA
SASAKI WILL BE OKAY
BUT IT MUST BE B'DATO WAIT THERE ALL ALONE
SA-SAKI
TOLD ME
REAL-LY?
HE'S A STRONG GUY
AND THE DOCTORS SAY HE'LL LIVE
TO FORGET ABOUT HIM WHEN HE DIES
I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT ABOUT HIS WORDS
AND HE'S RIGHT TO CRY OVER HIS DEATH FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE IS COWARDLY AND WEAK
WHEN THE ONE YOU'VE LOST MEANT SO MUCH TO YOU
AND THE PAIN OF THE LOSS IS OVER-BEARING
ISN'T IT BETTER TO COMPLETELY FORGET THAT YOU LOST HIM?
THAT'S WHAT I THINK, ANYWAY

I'LL FORGET HIM
IF IT COMES TO THE WORST
BECAUSE THAT S HIS WISH

JUST LIKE SOMEONE ELSE I PULLED INTO SOMETHING
SASAKI DOESN'T BELONG TO ME
WISHED FOR IT ONCE
IT'S LIKE I'D SET IT UP SO THAT HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF


I'M SORRY
WHAT WAS I THINKING?

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佐々木
HA SHI-BA?
OH YOU'RE AWAKE?
WHAT'S WITH YOUR ARM?
IT'S NOTHING I DON'T EVEN NOTICE IT ANYMORE BUT I'M NOT THE ONE WHO GOT HALF HIS GUTS PULLED OUT—
SORRY I CAUSE YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE
TELL THAT TO TSUZUKU

SASA-KI...
YOU AND ME, WE AREN'T PARTNERS ANYMORE FROM NOW ON.

BUT...
WHY?

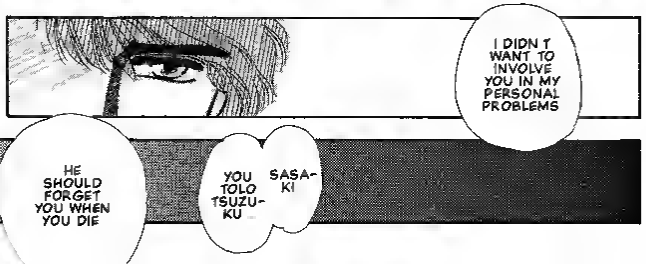
IT WAS ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO...
THERE WERE TWO COPS ON SAWADA'S TRAIL.
ONE OF THEM WAS JUST A ROOKIE
BUT BECAUSE HE GOT A LITTLE PRAISE, HE THOUGHT TOO HIGHLY OF HIMSELF
AND EVEN THOUGH HIS MUCH MORE EXPERIENCED PARTNER WANTED TO STOP HIM, HE DIDN'T LISTEN AND CORNERED SAWADA.

SAWADA LET US FALL RIGHT IN THE TRAP
!!

RUN AWAY
HASHI-BA...
!
MY PARTNER WAS KILLED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME

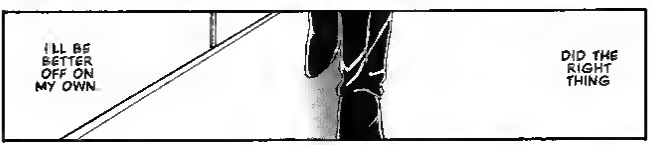
I WAS A FOOL WHO OVERESTI-MATED HIMSELF AND MY PARTNER
WHO I RESPECTED AND TRUSTED HAD TO PAY DEARLY
I SHOULD VE DIED THEN
INS-TEAD
I MUST LIVE IN DIS-GRACE
AND I'M NOT HUNTING DOWN SAWADA
BECAUSE OF A HEROIC MOTIVE LIKE REVENGE

I'M MERELY TRYING TO WIPE THE TEARS OF SHAME FROM MY EYES!
WHAT DRIVES ME IS SIMPLY
A PITIFUL RESENT-MENT!


I DIDN'T WANT TO INVOLVE YOU IN MY PERSONAL PROBLEMS
SASA-KI
YOU TOLD TSUZU-KU
HE SHOULD FORGET YOU WHEN YOU DIE

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TSUZUKU SAID?
THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE ASKING HIM THAT
HE'LL DO IT HE'LL FORGET YOU
I DON'T THINK HE COULD BEAR IT EVEN IF YOU WERE JUST INJURED
WHEN YOU DIE, THERE'S SOMEONE THAT WILL BE HURT THAT WILL MOURN YOU
YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO PROTECT. YOU HAVE A TASK.
I'M A WEAK MAN. I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO BE RESPONSIBILE FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES
I CANNOT PROTECT YOU AGAINST YOUR DEATH
IF YOU CAN GIVE IT ALL UP
AND THINK THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU DIE, YOU CAN FOLLOW ME
BUT IF NOT, YOU'LL JUST BE IN MY WAY

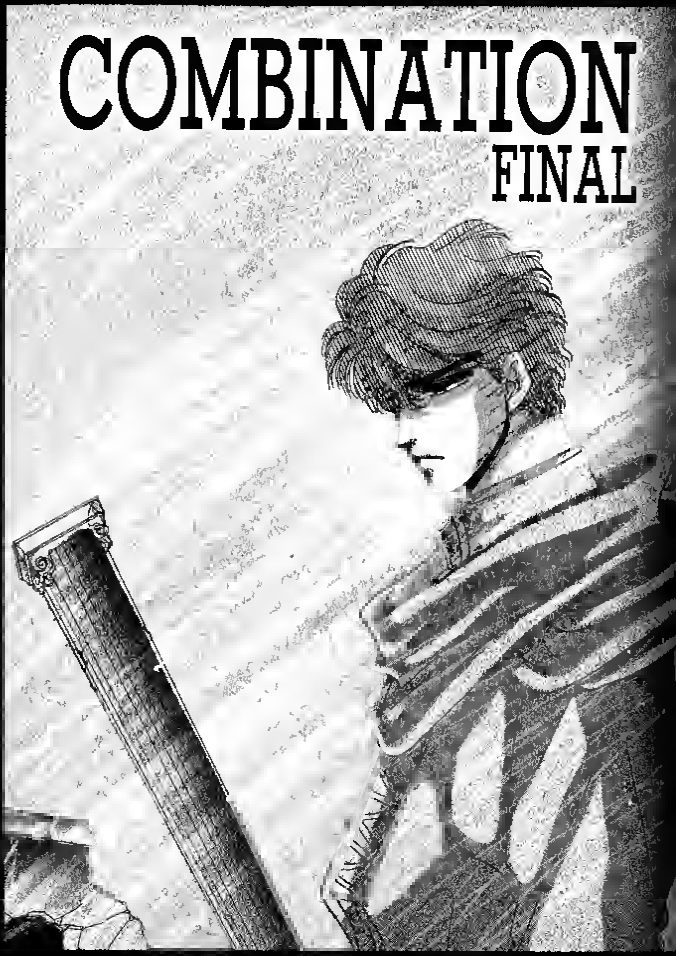
SORRY
I KNOW I'VE BEEN UNBEARABLE AT TIMES DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS
BUT I HAD A HELLUVA GOOD TIME WITH YOU AS MY PARTNER
STAY WELL
I COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING
HIS WORDS SOUNDED LIKE HE HAD TO FORCE THEM OUT...
UHH
THEY SOUNDED LIKE HE WAS SPITTING OUT BLOOD


I'LL BE BETTER OFF ON MY OWN
DID THE RIGHT THING

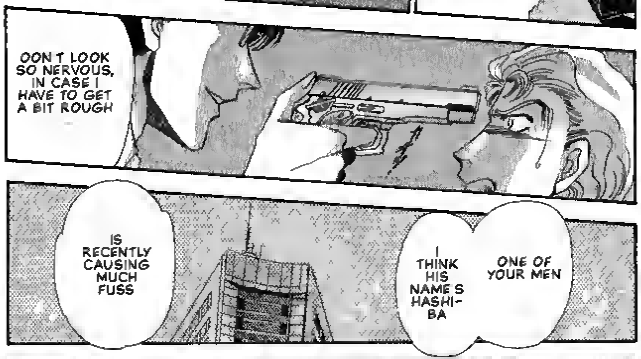
!!
.....
ALONE...
UHHH
HAVE I BEEN HUNTING SAWADA FOR THREE YEARS ALREADY?
WHAT DID I ACHIEVE DURING THIS TIME?
IT'S HIGH TIME TO BRING THE MATTER TO THE END

AND IF I'M NOT DESTINED TO PUT HIM IN JAIL...
I WILL FIND SOME OTHER WAY OF BRING ING MYSELF TO JUSTICE.

COMBINATION
FINAL



I'M GONNA SUE YOU FOR BODILY HARM!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DEALING WITH? I'M THE DEPUTY'S SECRETARY!
YOU ARE A COP!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS
I HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE LAW FOR FUCK'S SAKE!

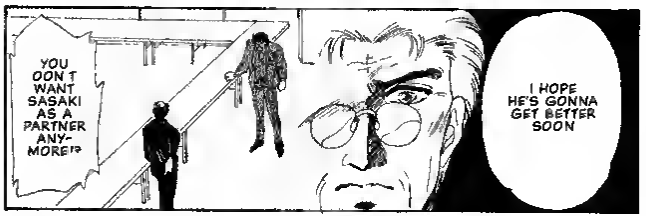

DON'T LOOK SO NERVOUS, IN CASE I HAVE TO GET A BIT ROUGH
IS RECENTLY CAUSING MUCH FUSS
I THINK HIS NAME'S HASHIBA
ONE OF YOUR MEN

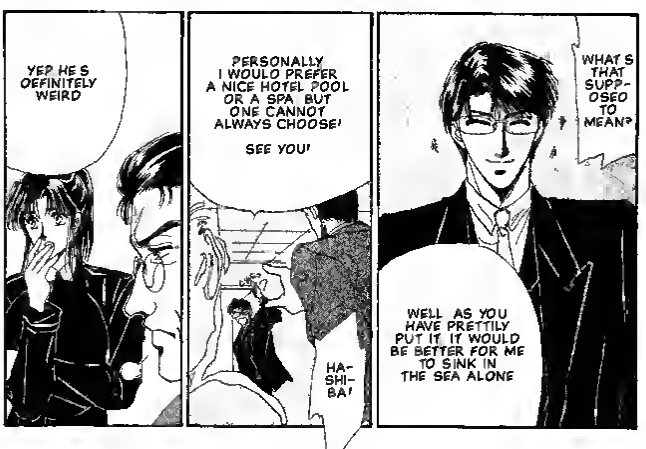
THERE ARE COMPLAINTS ABOUT HIM
HE'S AN OFFICIAL. HE DOESN'T ENJOY COMPLETE FREEDOM!
HE'S RUNNING AROUND AND COERCING SOME PEOPLE TO MAKE CERTAIN STATEMENTS
HIS METHODS ARE RAVING

MISTER YARA
PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE IMMEDIATELY
WE LET SUSPECTS ROAM FREELY SO WE ARE ABLE TO COLLECT IMPORTANT EVIDENCE AND HE ARRESTS THEM OR SCARES THEM AWAY!
YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROSECUTING AUTHORITIES AREN'T EXACTLY HAPPY WITH THE MATTER
HERE YOUR TEA
BUT HASHIBA...
HASN'T SHOWN UP FOR DUTY FOR DAYS ALREADY
THE PROSECUTION INTERVENTION IS JUST A WARNING FOR US NOT TO GO AGAINST POLITICIANS...
I KNOW, HE IS SOMETIMES IMPOSSIBLE
GRRRR
I APOLOGIZE ON HIS BEHALF
HE WAS HERE THIS MORNING BUT SINCE THEN...
AH TODAY HAS HASHIBA?
THANK YOU

THE IDIOT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING!
IT'S ABOUT HASHIBA HIS METHODS DISTURB THE PROSECUTOR'S DFFICE WDRK IT SEEMS
THE SECDND SQUAD HAS CREATED TOO MUCH ADD
I UNDER-STAND
CHIEF
WHAT DID THE PROSE-CUTIDN OFFICE WANT HERE?
WHAT'S WITH HIM YA-TSU-KD?
SINCE SASAKI GOT WDUNDED, HE'S BEEN ACTING WEIRD
THE PRDBLEM IS THAT WITH HIS METHODS DNE DAY HE'S GONNA RUN INTD SOMETHING TDD BIG TO SWALLOW
BY THE WAY-
WHO HAS SPOKEN WITH HASHIBA ALREADY?
HM?
I'M NOT SURE I SHDULD CALL IT CHILDISH OR A SANDCASTLE WAR ANYWAY IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THEY LET DUT SOME OF THIS ARRDGANCE
EVER SINCE THE WARM THE POLICE AND PROSECUTORS HAVE BEEN IN A DOG AND CAT RELATIONSHIP
UWAA
AFTER ALL IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO CATCHES THE CRIMINAL
OH YES

IN MY OPINION, ONLY SASAKI CAN BE CONSIDERED AS HIS PARTNER HE WON'T ACCEPT ANYONE ELSE
ANYWAY NOW
AS HE'S ON HIS OWN THERE'S NO STOPPING HIM


YOU DON'T WANT SASAKI AS A PARTNER ANY-MORE!?
I HOPE HE'S GONNA GET BETTER SOON


YEP HE'S DEFINITELY WEIRD
PERSONALLY I WOULD PREFER A NICE HOTEL POOL OR A SPA BUT ONE CANNOT ALWAYS CHOOSE!
SEE YOU!
HA-SHI-BA!
WHAT'S THAT SUPP-OSED TO MEAN?
WELL AS YOU HAVE PRETTILY PUT IT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ME TO SINK IN THE SEA ALONE

NOT THAT BEFORE HE MET SASAKI HE WAS PARTICULARLY NORMAL
BUT RIGHT NOW HE'S NOT LETTING ANYONE COME CLOSE
STILL HE SEEMS LIKE HIS OLD SELF
ALWAYS WITH A JOKE ON HIS LIPS
BUT
BEFORE HE DID LET SOME PEOPLE IN ON THINGS ABOUT HIMSELF
NOW HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK TO ANYONE AND AVOIDS EVERYONE
THAT'S MY IMPRESSION ANYWAY
THANK YOU
I KNOW YOU HAVE MUCH TO DO
HERE ARE THE MATERIALS FROM THE DATA INTERPRETATION THAT YOU REQUESTED
THANK YOU FOR COMING

DID YOU VISIT SASAKI IN THE HOSPITAL?
.....
ONCE
I UNDER-STAND
WE AREN'T PARTNERS ANYMORE
I WON'T LEAD HIM TO PERDITION
YOU CAN BE SWEET SOMETIMES HASHIBA
YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
ANYWAY I HAVE MADE A LIST OF ALL WITHIN THE PROSECUTION OFFICE AND POLICE
THAT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH SAWADA

MOREOVER I HAVE TAKEN CARE TO STOP THE CASH FLOW FROM SOME OF THEIR GOLDHENS IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME TO RECOVER
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO PESTER THEM
.....
DON'T GET ME WRONG
SAWADA'S POSITION IS MERELY TOUCHED BY THIS BUT
IT'S JUST A PAYMENT FOR WHAT YOU DID FOR ME
I'M GONNA HELP YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO DESTROY SAWADA ONLY TO BE HATED BY YOU. THEN
YOU ARE LIKE A WOLF IN SHEEPSKIN
EXCUSE ME
I HOPE YOU WILL
AVENGE YOUR PARTNER

.....
AVENGE?
WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT THE RUMORS THAT ARE SPREADING IN THE ENTIRE JAPANESE SOCIETY?
IS DEPUTY SAWADA STANDING BEHIND THE NUMEROUS SCANDALS?
IS IT TRUE THAT THERE'S A SECRET BETWEEN YOU AND THE PROSECUTION OFFICE CONCERNING THIS CASE?
AS ALWAYS HE KNOWS HOW TO SKILLFULLY DEAL WITH THE PRESS
WAS THE RECENT BOMB ATTACK PLANNED BY SAWADA? DID HE WANT TO DESTROY HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES?
IS IT TRUE THAT THE BOMBING WAS ORDERED BY DEPUTY SAWADA?
WHERE IS DEPUTY SAWADA RIGHT NOW?

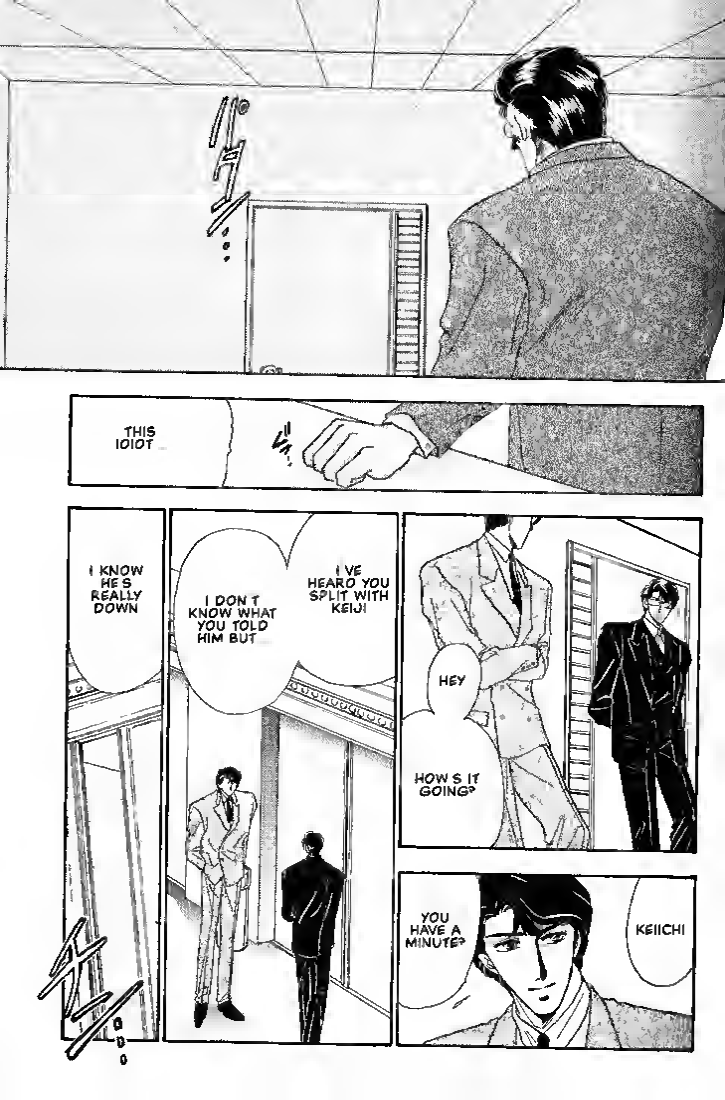
IT SEEMS THAT FOR SOME TIME I CAN'T APPEAR IN PUBLIC
AND TO TOP IT OFF THIS TSUZUKU IMONOYAMA CANCELLED OUR FUNDS
IT WASN'T SMART TO GET HIM INVOLVED IN THIS
NOW WE HAVE TO COLLECT THEM AGAIN
WE SHOULD BE GLAD HE DIDN'T DO MORE HARM
AND STILL
YOU SEEM TO BE ENJOYING ALL THIS?
YOU LIKE IT LIKE THIS
EXCUSE ME
I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITEE

IT SEEMS THAT...
I'M STILL NEEDED
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR
THIS CASE WILL BE SILENTLY REMOVED
MAYBE HE'S GONNA TURN UP HERE SOON?
WHAT WOULD BE HASHIBA'S NEXT STEP?
WE ARE GONNA TAKE ALL MEASURES TO RECEIVE HIM WITH DUE RESPECT

I SHOULD STOP MY INVESTIGATION ON SAWADA?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
FIRST YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE ME THE WARRANT OF ARREST EVEN THOUGH I HAVE SO MUCH EVIDENCE AND NOW...
HASHIBA
I SHOULD END THE CASE?
I WAS ORDERED TO SUSPEND YOU FOR A MONTH SO YOU CAN HAVE SOME TIME TO RETHINK YOUR METHODS
I CAN DO NOTHING
A POLICEMAN IS JUST AN EMPLOYEE
THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO FOLLOW ORDERS FROM ABOVE
BUT REALLY, CHIEF...
DON'T TAKE IT SO SERIOUSLY
DON'T LOOK SO DOWN. THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT
I'M SORRY
DON'T SHOW ME THAT LONG FACE

I WAS NEVER LIKED BY MY SUPERIORS, AND WAS ALWAYS THE PROBLEM CHILD OF THE SQUAD
BUT CHIEF
DON'T BE SO GRIM!
IF YOU SHOW THIS FACE TO YOUR WIFE, SHE WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
COME ON LAUGH!
YOU
SPARE ME
YOUR CRAZY RE-MARKS!
FUCKING FOOL!!
I'M SORRY FOR THE ANGER I HAVE CAUSED YOU
OUCH

I WON'T STAND FOR IT IF ONE OF MY MEN DIES, UNDERSTOOD!?
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT BECOMES OF AN IDIOT LIKE YOU BUT...
I'M YOUR SUPERIOR!
HASHI-BA!
DID YOU UNDERSTAND YOU WRETCHED IDIOT?
Koo


KEIICHI
YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
HEY
HOW'S IT GOING?
I'VE HEARD YOU SPLIT WITH KEIJI
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU TOLD HIM BUT
I KNOW HE'S REALLY DOWN
THIS IDIOT
END

.....
DON'T TRY TO STOP ME
.....
ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO ALONE?
!
TAKE IT
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
DON'T WORRY IT'S NOT MY ONLY ONE
.....
KEIICHI?
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO TO SAWADAS UNARMED?
I WAS JUST SUSPENDED

WAAH
KEIICHI?
DON'T GO THERE
THERE'S SOMEONE THAT'S REALLY GONNA BE PISSED OFF IF YOU DIE...
AND WHEN HE'S REALLY MAD ALL HELL WILL BREAK LOOSE

HE'S GONNA GO MAD AND RUN AMOK
AND I'LL BE SENT ON EARLY RETIREMENT SO BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU DO OK?
YOUR BROTHER
WAS THE BEST PARTNER I EVER HAD
OF COURSE, I WOULD NEVER TELL HIM THAT EXCEPT WHEN I DIE...
WHEN YOU DIE, I'M GONNA TELL HIM!
IF YOU DON'T WANT IT YOU BETTER STAY ALIVE!!

COME IN
コンコン
東京警察病院
THE WOUND HAS ALMOST HEALED
AH EXCUSE ME
ANO YOU ARE?
I HEARD YOU WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BUT AS I SEE IT GOES MUCH BETTER NOW?
KEIJI SASAKI?
MY NAME IS YOKO NOZOE

I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT HASHIBA
DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME FOR ME?
I MET HASHIBA IN COLLEGE
I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR ALMOST 5 YEARS
ARE YOU ALSO A COP?
RIGHT NOW I'M FOLLOWING ANOTHER CAREER
THERE'S MUCH PRESSURE FROM HIGH UP IN THE POLICE
TO CLOSE THE SAWADA CASE
HASHIBA MADE IT WORSE FOR HIMSELF BY USING NECK-BREAKING METHODS
AT THE MOMENT HE IS SUSPENDED FROM SERVICE

DON'T YOU WANT TO STOP HIM?
.....
ISN'T THAT TRUE?
YOU MUST ALSO BE WONDERING ABOUT WHAT HE PLANS TO DO NEXT
WHY NOT?
I CAN'T
NOT PARTNERS ANYMORE
BE-CAUSE WE ARE...
AND HID YOUR TAIL?
AND YOU TOOK IT CALMLY
BUT IF NOT I WAS JUST IN THE WAY
HE SAID I COULD CUT ALL THE TIES AND NOTHING MATTERED TO ME ANYMORE I COULD FOLLOW HIM

I LET HIM SAY THAT
TO SAY THAT ONLY WHEN I DIE HASHIBAS WOUNDS
DIDN'T WANT
THAT WOULD MEAN ONLY A SIGN OF ARROGANCE AND EGOISM!
SOUNDING LIKE HE WAS SPITTING BLOOD
EVEN THOUGH I HEARD HIS WORDS
TO GO HELP HIM

HE WAS
MY FIANCE
!
.....
DO YOU KNOW THE STORY
ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED 3 YEARS AGO?
HASHIBA'S DEAD PARTNER?
HASHIBA IS SO AMIABLE THAT YOU WON'T NOTICE IT AT THE BEGINNING
BUT IN TRUTH HE IS COOL AND OBSERVANT
I'M GONNA TELL YOU SOMETHING NOW
.....
BUT FOR HIM HE HAD ALMOST CHILDLIKE TRUST
WITH EVERYONE ELSE HE WAS LIKE BEFORE
BUT IT CHANGED WHEN HE MET HIM

AND HE ALSO GOT ALONG WELL WITH HASHIBA
HE HADN'T TRUSTED OR OPENED HIMSELF TO ANYONE
UNTIL DATO
HASHIBA AND HIS PARTNER WERE INVESTIGATING
BUT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE
BUT HE WAS ALREADY IN POWER. THE SAME RUMORS WERE RUNNING AND HIS METHODS WEREN'T TOO CLEAN
3 YEARS AGO, SAWADA WASN'T YET SO INFLUENTIAL
TO PROTECT HASHIBA
AND MY FIANCE OFFERED HIS LIFE
ONE DAY THEY RAN INTO A TRAP
MY DECEASED FIANCE WOULDN'T WANT IT
I HAVE NEVER BLAMED HIM
WOULD PROBABLY HAVE DEALT WITH HIS GUILT BETTER IF I HAD BLAMED HIM
BUT HASHIBA
CAN YOU IMAGINE?
EVEN THOUGH IT COULD SLOW HIS ESCAPE HE TOOK THE CORPSE AND BROUGHT HIM OUT
HA-SHIBA
WAS ON THE FLOOR WOUNDED

HE HAS CHANGED
BECAUSE OF HIS BEHAVIOR SOMEONE HE TRUSTED HAD DIED
HE BLAMED HIMSELF OVER AND OVER AGAIN
THAT HE COULDN'T FORGIVE
HE TOOK ON THE BLAME DID MAD THINGS
WAS DEEPLY WOUNDED
AS IF HE WANTED TO REDEEM HIMSELF
HIS PARTNER'S DEATH BECAME
AN UNHEALING WOUND FOR HIM

GREATNESS OF HEART
HE HAD A BIG HEART
HE WAS A KIND-HEARTED AND SUNNY PERSON
ONCE HE ACCEPTED SOMEONE HE COULD SMILING ENDURE ALL CAPRICES
YOU ARE JUST LIKE
MY FIANCE
YOU ALSO HAVE THIS GOODNESS
THIS

HE HAD A BIG HEART
BUT YOU ARE
DIFFER-ENT
ONCE HE ACCEPTED SOMEONE HE COULD SMILINGLY ENDURE ALL CAPRICES
SUNNY PERSON
HE WAS A KIND-HEARTED AND
YOU ARE JUST LIKE
MY FIANCE
GREAT-NESS OF HEART
YOU ALSO HAVE THIS GOODNESS THIS

I'M NOT AS GREAT AS YOU THINK
.....
NO?
BUT MY SIXTH SENSE FOR PEOPLE NEVER BETRAYS ME
AND ANY-WAY

A WOUNDED ANIMAL
HE ENDURES HIS WOUNDS AND BARES HIS TEETH TO COVER UP HIS WEAKNESS

ANYONE THAT CAN STAND HASHIBA, THAT EGOTISTIC AND EGOCENTRIC IDIOT, MUST HAVE EXTREME TOLERANCE AND PATIENCE

HE IS LIKE

IT'S SAID THAT
HIS GLASSES SERVE TO HIDE HIS FACE, BUT
IN TRUTH
IT'S JUST A WAY TO CUT HIMSELF FROM REALITY

HAVE YOU NEVER
HATED HASHIBA FOR THIS?

WHY SHOULD I?

HASHIBA WAS THE BEST FRIEND OF THE MAN I LOVED
SO HE MEANT A LOT TO ME TOO
AND HE'S THE ONLY ONE I CAN SHARE ALL THE GOOD MEMORIES OF DAIO WITH

MEN ARE DIFFERENT
WOMEN ARE STRONG
MEMORIES ENRICH YOU AND LET YOU LIVE ON
.....
YOU ARE VERY STR-ONG
HASHIBA HOPES FOR YOUR FRIENOSHIP
AS HE'S AFRAID OF LOSING THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN HIS LIFE IF HE LETS THIS FEELING SHOW
BUT HE TRIES TO STIFLE THIS WISH
YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH PAIN
YOUR INNER WOUND WOULD JUST KEEP ON BLEEDING
TIL YOU FIND SOMEONE TO HEAL IT
SO HE PUSHES YOU AWAY
AND GOES HIS OWN WAY...

HE SAYS YOU SHOULDN'T FOLLOW HIM BUT IT'S JUST HIS FEAR SPEAKING
IF YOU WISH TO FOLLOW HIM, YOU HAVE RIGHT TO DO SO
IF NOT ...
THEN HE DIES

.....
THANK YOU
THANKS TO YOU I FINALLY SEE CLEARLY
BUT NO
I JUST TOLD YOU AN OLD STORY
GOOD BYE
HASHIBA IS SUCH AN EGOIST
HE CAN'T TAKE IT WHEN HE'S NOT NUMBER ONE

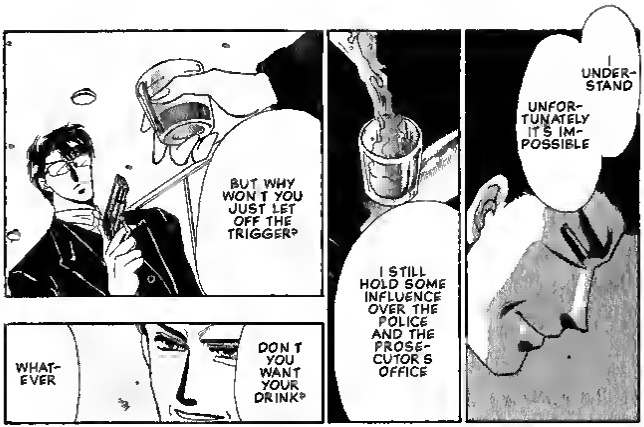
I CAN ONLY BE SURPRISED BY HIS GOOD TASTE
BUT NO
TSU-ZUKU
.....
WELL THEN, BE CAREFUL AND COME BACK SAFELY
THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO
I'M LEAVING THE HOSPITAL BUT—
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
.....
I WILL

SOMETHING
IS WRONG...

WEL-
COME
HA-
SHIBA
IT'S
BEEN A
LONG
TIME

I THOUGHT
YOU WOULD
TURN UP
SOON
SO YOU
EXPECTED
ME?

CAN I OFFER YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK?
BOURBON, IF I RECALL CORRECTLY?
WHAT'S THIS?
BE SO NICE AND COME WITH ME
AS FAR AS I KNOW
MY CASE IS CLOSED AND YOU ARE SUSPENDED FROM SERVICE?
YES, BUT AS LONG AS I HAVE YOUR TESTIMONY THE CASE LOOKS DIFFERENT


BUT WHY WON'T YOU JUST LET OFF THE TRIGGER?
I STILL HOLD SOME INFLUENCE OVER THE POLICE AND THE PROSE-CUTOR'S OFFICE
I UNDER-STAND
UNFOR-TUNATELY IT'S IM-POSSIBLE
WHAT-EVER
DON'T YOU WANT YOUR DRINK?

THEY BOTH GAVE ME THIS NEUTRAL STATUS AS THEY KNOW THAT IF I'M REMOVED FROM THE SCENE
THE POLICE AND THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ARE CONSTANT PARTS IN THE MODERN JAPANESE SOCIETY AND THEY PROTECT CAPITALISM IN THIS COUNTRY
THE SYSTEM IS GONNA CRUMBLE

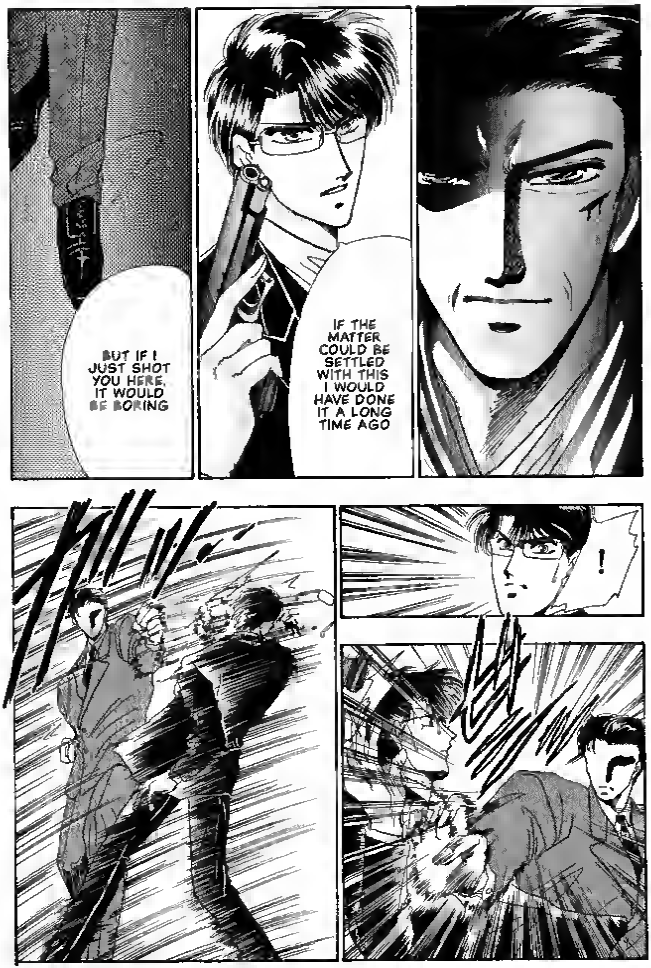
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT SIMPLY MEANS?

I'M UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THIS COUNTRY
THE COUNTRY STILL NEEDS ME
YOU AMUSE ME INDEED
YOU AREN'T STUPID
YOU KNOW I'M UNREACHABLE AT THE MOMENT SO WHY ARE YOU CONFRONTING ME?
IF YOU WAIT FOR THE RIGHT TIME YOU CAN GET ME SOMEDAY
I'M DOING THIS MY WAY
SO WHAT ABOUT IT?
DON'T YOU WANT TO WORK FOR ME?

I REALLY LIKE YOU
SOMEONE LIKE YOU MUST HAVE IT TOUGHT IN SUCH A FEUDAL AND FORMALIZED ORGANIZATION LIKE THE POLICE
I COULD GIVE YOU A FIELD WHERE YOU REALLY CAN DEVELOP YOUR TALENTS
AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER FOR SOMEONE THAT YOU WANTED TO HAVE KILLED
3 YEARS IS A LONG TIME
IN THE MEANTIME YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED MUCH

DECLINE
I HAVE NO WILL OF BEING USED BY YOU
HOW TOUGH
AND WHAT NOW?
EVEN IF I TESTIFY THINGS ARE NOT GONNA GO YOUR WAY

BUT CAN YOU DO THAT?
YOU ARE TRESPASSING HERE ILLEGALLY
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO AVENGE HIM
IF YOU ARE CHARGED YOU CAN WELL HANG YOUR CAREER ON A NAIL
THEN YOU MUST KILL ME ON THE SPOT


BUT IF I JUST SHOT YOU HERE, IT WOULD BE BORING
IF THE MATTER COULD BE SETTLED WITH THIS I WOULD HAVE DONE IT A LONG TIME AGO
!

I'M SORRY
YOU DIDN'T REALLY THINK THAT YOU'D MARCH OUT OF HERE UNDISTURBED
IF YOU SAID SOMETHING WE COULD SETTLE THIS WITHOUT DESTROYING MY GLASSES
IT'S ALREADY MY THIRD PAIR!
つっ……
YOU ARE THE FIRST TO STAND AFTER A HIT FROM HIM

IF YOU WANT TO KILL ME SPARE ME THOSE GAMES
VERY FUNNY
WITH A COOL GUY LIKE YOU
MOST UNPLEASANT FOR ME
AS IF I COULD COMPETE AGAINST THIS PRO HERE

NOT TO HAVE FUN WITH YOU AND SUBDUE YOU
AH...

!!

YOU HAD A COUPLE BROKEN RIBS RIGHT?
OH I JUST REMEMBERED YOU JUST LEFT THE HOSPITAL
OBVIOUSLY YOU AREN'T FULLY RECOVERED

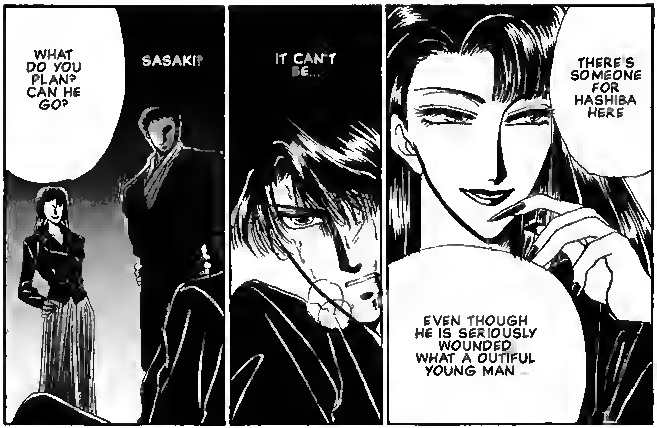
HERE?
WHAT A SAD VIEW THIS POOR FELLOW HERE...
WASN'T HE SO FULL OF HIMSELF JUST A MINUTE AGO?

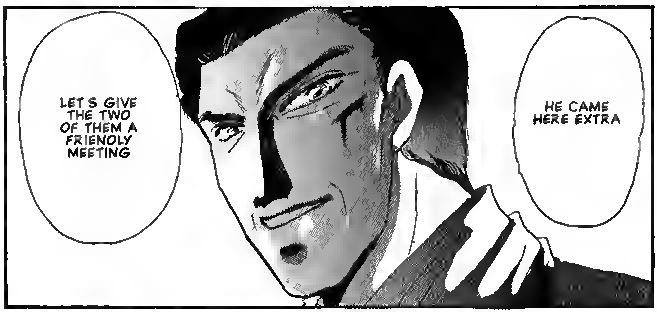
I'M ASKING FOR THE LAST TIME
DO YOU WANT TO WORK FOR ME?
NOW KILL ME
NO CHANCE
JUST KILLING YOU WOULD BE TOO SIMPLE
I DON'T LIKE IT

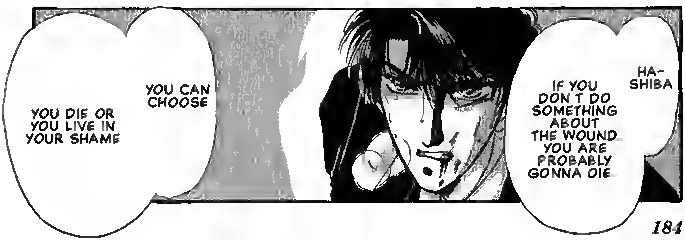
BUT IT'S GONNA CHANGE!
YOU ARE FAMOUS AS THE BEST SHOT IN THE FORCE
3 YEARS AGO
YOU LOST YOUR PARTNER
NOW YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT HAND

YOU WILL
LIVE FOREVER IN SHAME!

REMARKABLE YOU DIDN'T SCREAM
WELL NOW
WITH SOME REHAB, YOU CAN PARTLY REGAIN THE USE OF THIS HAND
ARE YOU DONE?


WHAT DO YOU PLAN? CAN HE GO?
SASAKI?
IT CAN'T BE...
THERE'S SOMEONE FOR HASHIBA HERE
EVEN THOUGH HE IS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED WHAT A OUTIFUL YOUNG MAN


LET'S GIVE THE TWO OF THEM A FRIENDLY MEETING
HE CAME HERE EXTRA


YOU DIE OR YOU LIVE IN YOUR SHAME
YOU CAN CHOOSE
IF YOU DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE WOUND YOU ARE PROBABLY GONNA DIE
HA-SHIBA

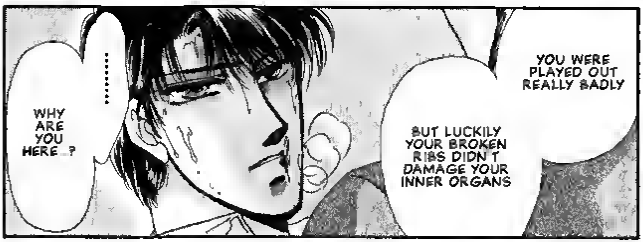
IF YOU CHOOSE DEATH
YOU WILL ADMIT DEFEAT
WHAT CALM-NESS
PERSONALLY I WANT YOU TO LIVE ON IN SHAME AND SOMEDAY APPEAR IN OUR WAY AGAIN
JUST LIKE BEFORE AND AGAIN I WAS SO CLOSE AND I'M LOSING
SUDDENLY I MIT THE MOUSE AND I MUST PAY

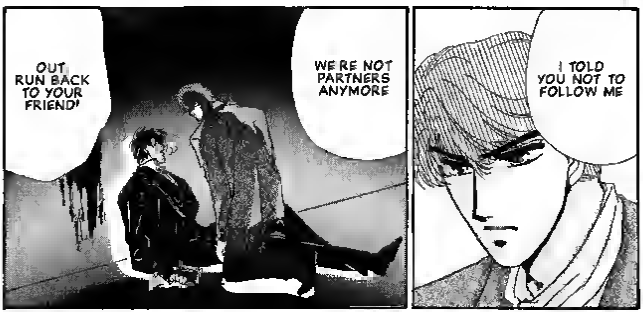
I CANNOT ANYMORE...
IT'S THE END
I'M HOT
MY BODY IS HEAVY
I OCCUPIED MYSELF WITH SUCH STUPID THOUGHTS AS TO AT LEAST DIE WITH STYLE WHEN IT COMES TO THAT
BUT TO COME TO SUCH A PITIFUL FAILURE, IT'S JUST LIKE ME TO KICK THE BUCKET THAT WAY
I OVERESTIMATED MYSELF AND THAT'S WHAT I GET
AND NOW I'M LAYING HERE, IN PAIN, THROWN OUT AND LEFT ALONE
I WAS NOTHING MORE THAN AN AMUSEMENT
SERVES ME RIGHT
IF I STAY HERE LIKE THIS, WILL I DIE?

THERE S NOBODY HERE IT SEEMS
ALONE
I'M TIRED

HE'S STILL BREATHING
SASAKI?

STILL ALIVE?
!
?
ARE YOU CONSCIOUS?


WHY ARE YOU HERE..?
YOU WERE PLAYED OUT REALLY BADLY
BUT LUCKILY YOUR BROKEN RIBS DIDN'T DAMAGE YOUR INNER ORGANS


OUT RUN BACK TO YOUR FRIEND?
WE'RE NOT PARTNERS ANYMORE
I TOLD YOU NOT TO FOLLOW ME

NO
LET GO!
STOP THIS BULLSHIT
YOU CAN BARELY MOVE LET SOMEONE HELP YOU!
OR DO YOU REALLY WANT TO DIE?
BUT IT'S NOT LIKELY
YOU LET SAWADA BEAT YOU LIKE THIS AND DIE HERE CALMLY?

YOU PROMISED TO TELL ME WHEN YOU DIE
BUT YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
SO I WON'T LET YOU DIE WITHOUT MY PARTICIPATION UNDERSTOOD?
YOU ARE LAYING HERE WITH BROKEN RIBS BROKEN WILL AND SHOT THROUGH THE HAND AND JUST WAITING FOR DEATH
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE I WOULD LET YOU DIE IN SUCH A SHITTY WAY?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US NOT BEING PARTNERS
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU SAY
I REALLY DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE!

YOU GET IT?
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!
AND NOW BE RESONABLE

YOU SHOULD FEEL
REALLY HONORED BY THIS
THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME...
I'M ASTONISHED BY SO MUCH FEELING, AND FOR SOMEONE ELSE THAN TSUZUKU
TELL ME ARE YOU MAD AT ME?
CAN BE...

OH WELL, IF YOU INSIST
I WILL LET MYSELF BE SAVED BY YOU
HE'S HOT
"HOPEFULLY HE HAS NO BLOOD CONTAMINATION"
.....

UGH
HE MUST BE TAKEN CARE OF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
.....
IT SEEMS THAT YOUR FRIENDLY REUNION WORKED OUT

BUT TO CARRY SOMETHING THAT HEAVY IN YOUR STATE, I HOPE YOU DON'T OVEREXERT YOURSELF
OH IF LOOKS COULD KILL
QUITE FEISTY FOR AN INTRUDER
PLEASE FORGIVE ME
I ONLY WANT TO GET HASHIBA OUT OF HERE
I DON'T WANT TO DISTURB YOU WITH MY UNPERMITTED ENTERING
I HOPE YOU HAVE NOTHING AGAINST ME GOING NOW?
REALLY IN SUCH A SITUATION. WHAT A COMPOSED YOUNG MAN
DON'T YOU ALSO FIND HIM ENCHANTING?

KEIJI SASAKI
IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE MEET
SO THIS IS TAKESHI SAWADA
A VERY IMPRESSIVE STARE
HA
.....

.....
NO THANK YOU
WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR ME?
SO HOW IS IT?

I'M NOT PLANNING ON ELIMINATING YOU
AND NOW BRING HASHIBA OUT QUICKLY
IF YOU EVER CHANGE YOUR MIND, YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME
IT SEEMS MY SYMPATHIES ARE UNREQUITTED
PITY

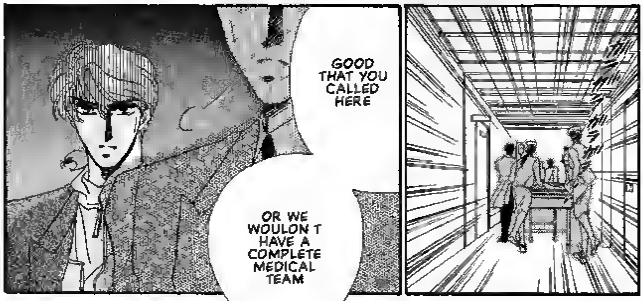
IT'S NOT MY HOBBY TO SLAUGHTER WOUNDED ANIMALS
BUT WHEN YOU ARE BACK IN FORM
I WILL TEAR OUT YOUR WINDPIPE
SO THAT I WOULDN'T BE DENIED THIS PLEASURE
YOU HAVE TO LEAVE MY HOUSE TODAY

MEETING THEM AGAIN
BUT YOU MAY BE TOO YOUNG
TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF MY WORDS
GOOD BYE
ARE YOU SURE?
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO
THOSE TWO COULD BE A REAL MENACE FOR YOU

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HASHIBA

KEIJI

DO YOU HAVE AN OPERATING BLOCK FREE?
YES!
HE HAS A COUPLE OF BROKEN RIBS AND A BULLET THROUGH HIS RIGHT HAND


GOOD THAT YOU CALLED HERE
OR WE WOULON T HAVE A COMPLETE MEDICAL TEAM

YEAH
.....
WHAT'S MORE YOU SHOULD STILL BE ON THERAPY AND NO RUNNING ARDUND
YOU SHOULD BE EXAMINED TOO
I'M FINE
OH YEAH JUST LOOK AT YOU WHITE AS A SHEET!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TRYING TO REOPEN YOUR WOUNDS?
.....
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM
SOON HE'LL BE FINE AGAIN

YOKO
HELLO HOW ARE YOU?
OH WELL?
NO NURSE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU?
YOU SEEM THOUGHT-FUL
YOU SEEM UNHAPPY ABOUT IT?
WE HID YOU IN THIS REMOTE HOSPITAL SO AS TO NOT LET SAWADA SNIFF YOU OUT BUT
NO
IT'S JUST A SAG
BECAUSE I'M LEFT OUT

THE PRESIDIUM SUSPENDED YOU FROM SERVICE AND GAVE YOU A DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT AS SAWADA REQUIRED
SO THAT YOU WOULDN'T BE SUED FOR TRESPASSING AND BODILY HARM
BUT OF COURSE IT'S THE OFFICIAL VERSION
MEANWHILE YOU ARE SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY THE CABINET INVESTIGATION BUREAU
WHILE YOU ARE STILL AFTER SAWADA
WELCOME TO JOIN OUR SERVICE
CABINET INVESTIGATION BUREAU WAS FORMED BY THE CABINET BUT IT INDEPENDENT IN ITS ACTIONS
IT OFFERS AMAZING POSIBILITIES OF INVESTIGATION INCOMPARABLE WITH THE POLICE THAT OFTEN HAS IT HANDS TIED
MORSEOVER, THERE ARE MANY POLITICIANS AGAINST SAWADA
AND HE IS CAREFULLY OBSERVED BY US

SASAKI IS REALLY CUTE
I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SEE IN HIM
OR MAYBE YOU FEEL LONELY WITHOUT YOUR SWEET PARTNER?
.....
OBVIOUSLY ONLY A FEW AT THE POLICE KNOW ABOUT IT
AND SASAKI DOESN T
I DON T WANT TO FORCE YOU
BUT IT S YOUR DECISION
BUT AM I NOT RIGHT?
YOKO I THINK YOU ARE CONFUSING SOMETHING
.....
YOU SHOULD FINALLY FORGIVE YOURSELF

ONLY HE CARRIES THE BLAME FOR HIS DEATH
HE PROTECTED YOU AS HE DIDN'T WANT YOU TO DIE
IF YOU KEEP BLAMING YOURSELF
YOU DISREGARD HIS THINKING
IF YOU STILL STICK TO THE PAST YOU CAN'T LIVE IN THE PRESENT
OR MAYBE
YOU WANT TO DIE AS YOU
I WOULD LIKE TO END THIS
I WANT IT TO END
.....
WERE BROKEN BY SAWADA?
BECAUSE YOU SURVIVED AGAIN?

BUT I ALSO WOULDN'T COMPLAIN IF I DIED
IT'S MY LIFE IF I DIED
WITHOUT CRACKING THERE WOULD BE ONLY SAWADA LEFT TO DEAL WITH THE MESS
AND I UNDERSTOOD THAT I CAN'T JUST DIE IN FRONT OF HIS EYES
BUT
AS SASAKI TOLD ME HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO DIE
I HANG ON TO HIS WORDS
YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM
WELL
NOW YOU KNOW
I COULD SEE HOW UPSET HE WAS ABOUT THE THOUGHT OF LOSING ME
AND HE DOESN'T WANT TO LOSE YOU

CAN ENTRUST YOUR LIFE
YOU RESPECT AND TRUST EACH OTHER AND NOBODY CAN TAKE THAT AWAY
EVEN APART FROM THE JOB AND ALL SOMETHING BINDS YOU
SOMETHING THAT MOST PEOPLE LOOK FOR THEIR ENTIRE LIVE BUT CAN T FIND
YOU ARE THE PERFECT COMBINATION YOU HAVE FOUND SOMEONE TO WHOM YOU

EVERY-
THING
WILL BE
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WHAT
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I'M HAPPY
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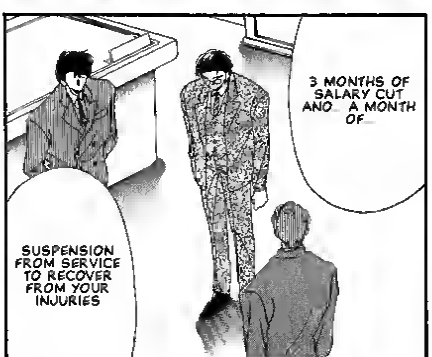


I'M SWITCH-ING TO THE CABINET INVEST-IGATION BUREAU

HIS RIGHT HAND IS SHOT THROUGH AND HE GETS
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S SO MUCH EVIDENCE
SAWADAS CASE WILL BE CLOSED
DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT TO TOP IT
THEN YOU SWITCH TO THE FIRST SQUAD
AND WORK UNDER ME
KEIJI!
AND EVERYTHING HE FOUGHT FOR
IS GONE
BUT WHAT ARE YOU SAYING YASAP DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF
NO
IT HAD TO END LIKE THIS
IT'S MY FAULT. I WAS POWER-LESS
HE'S RIGHT
I'M SORRY

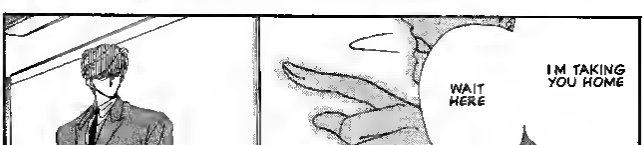
I APOLOGIZE
I WAS POWERLESS AS YOUR SUPERIOR
GO NOW AND GET WELL
WHERE IS HASHIBA NOW?
I HAVE NO IDEA
HE'S NOT IN THE HOSPITAL ANYMORE
KEIJI, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
KEIJI!
YOU ARE EXCEEDING YOUR COMPETENCE!
KEIJI!
I'M GOING TO THE POLICE CHIEF AND I WILL GIVE HIM MY VIEWS ON THE MATTER

THIS BEHAVIOR DOESN'T SUIT YOU!
GET A GRIP!!
YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT THE POLICE IS A STATE INSTITUTION
AND CANNOT GO AGAINST EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE
I COULDN'T STOP HASHIBA FROM GOING TO SAWADA
AND COULDN'T HELP HIM
THAT WOULDN'T HELP AT ALL
AND YOU KNOW WHY?

HE WOULDN'T ENTRUST HIS LIFE TO ANYONE BUT YOU
BECAUSE ONLY YOU COULD GET HIM OUT OF THERE ALIVE

ONE DAY YOU'LL RUN INTO HIM AGAIN
BUT FOR NOW FORGET HIM AND GET WELL

AS LONG AS SAWADA IS ALIVE HE WON'T DIE
SO DON'T BE DOWN HASHIBA IS FINE


WAIT HERE
I'M TAKING YOU HOME

.....

KEIJI!"
SORRY IT TOOK SOME TIME
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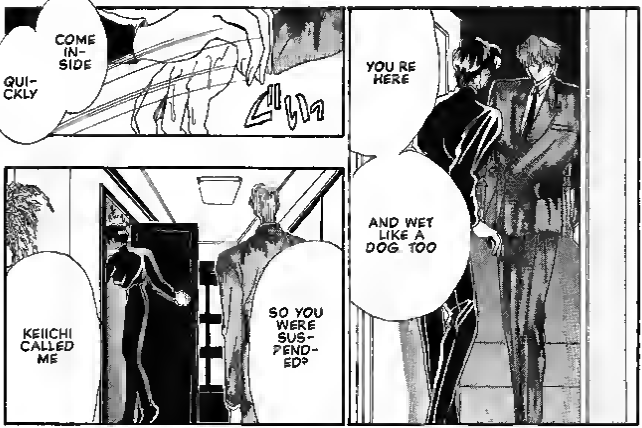
COME IN-SIDE QUI-CKLY
YOU RE HERE
AND WET LIKE A DOG TOO
KEIICHI CALLED ME
SO YOU WERE SUS-PEND-ED?

WHAT S WITH THIS FACE?
IT S GOOD TIMING
I HAVE A VACATION WE COULD GO SOME-WHERE
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!

BUT STILL YOU MARCHED OUT WITH HIM, RIGHT?
COU-LD
DO NOTHING
NOTH-ING?
BUT

WELCOME HOME

.....
THANK YOU
GOOD WORK

BUT IT WAS LIKE HASHIBA DISAPPEARED FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH

ALL OF THE SCANDALS REVEALED IN THE PRESS WERE KEPT SILENT AN PUT INTO ACTS BY THE PROCURATOR S OFFICE

THEY WERE QUICKLY FORGOTTEN AND

SOON GRASS GREW ON THEM

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Leeza sei

Combination 2

コンビネーション2

Please excuse the difference in the dragon's feet art! It's been years have passed
Good day to all my readers, new and old. First, let me thank you for buying this manga
Special thanks goes to those who bought this manga despite owning the old version. Only the afterword is new in this version, so those people deserve to be thanked all the more. I'm sorry that there is nothing new for you in here...honestly, I'm really touched!?
things worth knowing about the new issue.
At the moment, combination is happily continued at "comic pilot"! Go check it out, if you're interested. A fourth volume will be published sometime.
why is he looking like that?
New character friendly eye
One can see his eye
Well, back then combination was concluded in volume 2, but the 1996 combination continued to volume 3 after a 3 year break.
HAHAHA—
Yeah the youth
Doesn't it seem cute the way I smile that?
Was I young back then!
Man,
he finds it preeky embarrassing which is why he's wearing a hat
Well, then lets ask those two about what comes to mind when they think about the past, after all, in the story, three years have passed.

ugh...
Me neither
That you thought so highly of me.
I mean the best partner I've ever had.
Shortie ♪
But..
...back then, you really loved me, didn't you? I really had no idea!
Say you've gotten cheekier since then, haven't you?
You too

Now more than ever a heart and a soul

with this in mind...

I really want to apologize to all those, who bought this volume again, after all, the content remains the same, but, at least, the cover is new, and considering i worked really hard on it, i hope you're not angry with me, yeah? hehehe. starting with volume 3, the design is pretty different, and i wanted to make it look a bit more uniform, in addition, it looks much better now, however when i looked at the first and second volume, i was a bit embarrassed about how young and green hashiba looked back then. it's hard to believe that i could have drawn this? well, back then i was pretty young myself and still wet behind my ears! i think that those two have aged together with me and now, like how i'm thinking and talking differently, they are doing so, too. well, time leaves no one untouched! anyway, this volume looks to me like the beginning of it all. with volume 3, a new chapter will start, i sincerely hope that you will like it, both of our heros are pretty hard-nosed by now and they've gotten used to each other, i'll really, really try to give the whole thing a deserving end and hope that you will stay true to me till then!

Leeza sei, january 1999